

THE
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT
OF THE
COOCH BEHAR STATE

FOR THE
YEAR 1916-1917.



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The following statement shows the work done by the State Council on the Judicial side during 1916-17.

• NATURE OF CASES.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Disposition of						Pending at the close of the year.	REMARKS.	
			Granted.	Rejected.	Dismissed.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Total.			
CIVIL.											
Regular appeals	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Special appeal (Title)	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Special appeal (Rent)	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Miscellaneous special appeal	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Motions	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	3	...	9	
Miscellaneous case	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
CRIMINAL.											
Appeals...	1	5	...	...	4	...	1	5	...	1	
Motions	6	12	4	9	...	...	...	13	...	5	
Reference	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Grand total	17	33	5	11	4	1	1	22	28		

4. *Legislative work of the Council.*—Under section 4 of Act II of 1909 (Act for the Legislative Council of His Highness) Your Highness was pleased to re-appoint Babu Satis Chandra Banerjee, B.L., as an Additional Member of Your Highness' Legislative Council for a term of three years with effect from the 21st of April 1916 and to appoint Kumar Jotindra Narayan as an Additional Member of Your Highness' Legislative Council for a term of three years with effect from the 20th of November 1916, *vice* Kumar Gajendra Narayan Sr., Bar-at-Law, resigned. The former represents the Bar and the latter the Rajguns.

No meeting of the Legislative Council of Your Highness was held during the year of report.

5. *Executive work of the Council.*—On the Executive side 33 meetings were held against 29 of the previous year, at 17 of which Your Highness presided.

The work of the Council on the Executive side is divided into the three following heads:—

I. General.

II. Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I.—General.

6. *Training of Police cadets.*—One cadet only was sent to the Police Training College at Sardah during the year of report.

7. *Power of the Dewan of the State to supervise and control the Departments of the Civil and Sessions Judge and the Registrar of Deeds.*—During the year of report Your Highness was pleased to order the Dewan of the State, Member of the State Council, who had been authorised to perform the functions of the Judicial Member of the State Council, to exercise the powers of a Head of Department in regard to the Departments of the Civil and Sessions Judge and the Registrar of Deeds, these departments being placed under his supervision and control, such control being

administrative, not judicial. These orders would not in any way revoke, limit or modify the judicial powers delegated to, and exercised by, the Civil and Sessions Judge and the Registrar of Deeds.

8. *Excise arrangements on the borders of the State.*—In paragraph 16 of the Annual Report for 1911-12 and in paragraph 15 of the Annual Report for the following year are set forth the arrangements that were eventually come to between the Government of Bengal and the Cooch Behar State in connection with the Excise Administration on the border of the State. In their letter No. 10855P., dated the 18th November 1914 the Government of Bengal stated that the excise arrangements were far from ideal and that they presented difficulties which called for adoption of remedial measures. Certain proposals which commended themselves to His Excellency the Governor in Council were laid before Your Highness in Council for consideration. Letter No. 12143P., dated the 1st November 1915 from the Government of Bengal explaining certain points in connection with this question was also considered by Your Highness in Council. The following proposals met with the approval of Your Highness in Council during the year of report:—

- (1) The excise administration of all isolated *chhits* of the Cooch Behar territory including British *chhits* within them, should be made over to the Government of Bengal, that of all other isolated *chhits* of British territory being transferred to the Cooch Behar State;
- (2) all offences against the Excise and Opium Laws detected in such *chhits* should be tried in the courts of the Government or the State, as the case may be, but all fines imposed and realised in such cases should be handed over to the authority responsible for their excise administration;
- (3) the method of calculation of compensation payable by Government to the State on the mutual transfer of *chhits* belonging to the Government and the Cooch Behar State;
- (4) the extension of the principle of fixed sites to all shops on both sides and within 3 instead of two miles of the common continuous boundary; and.
- (5) freedom of choice of shops on the border to *bona fide* consumers of excisable articles.

In their letter No. 527P.D., dated the 18th May 1916 the Government of Bengal say that the whole question has been brought to a successful conclusion and trust that the proposals accepted will conduce to the smooth working of the excise administration on each side of the boundary. The arrangements mutually agreed upon by the Government and the Darbar came into effect from the 1st of April 1917.

9. *Extradition procedure between British India and Native States.*—During the year of report the Political Agent for the Cooch Behar State intimated that a question had arisen on what charges a person extradited from British India to a Native State and *vice versa* could be tried. The principle that guides the Government in this matter found reciprocation from Your Highness, and Your Highness agreeing with the Council, was pleased to order that a person extradited from British India shall not be tried by the Cooch Behar State Courts for an offence (committed prior to extradition) which is not disclosed by the fact embodied in the *prima facie* case by which extradition was secured and that, if it is desired to try the person extradited for separate offence (committed before extradition), it will be

necessary to submit a *prima facie* case to the authority which sanctioned the extradition, with a view to obtaining the assent of that authority before the trial can proceed.

10. *Crops and condition of the people.*—During the year under

* Months.	Total rain fall in the month.
April	12.80
May	25.87
June	30.82
July	38.42
August	16.62
September	34.06
October	9.39
November	0.26
December	.....
January	.....
February	1.75
March	0.18
	<hr/> 189.16

report the rainfall registered at the Sudder Station rose to 189.16 inches and was in excess of that of the year previous by 76.67 inches and was above the average by 30 inches. Details are given in the margin* showing how it was distributed in the year. Rains in April and May retarded weeding operations and impeded the sowing of jute. The unusually heavy rainfall in July did some harm to the jute crop by arresting its growth. The outturn of Bitri and jute was below the average. The outturn was not the same in all the Sub-divisions—Bitri varying from 12 to 16 annas and jute from 6 to 14 annas. The

price of jute ranged from Rs. 6 to Rs. 12 during the year.

The Haimanti was a bumper crop in the year under review. The high lands were brought under cultivation in June and July and the low lands in August. The outturn was over an average but the price, too, was not comparatively low. It ranged between Rs. 3 and Rs. 6.

The shower in September and October retarded the transplantation of tobacco seedling. In March last a severe hailstorm passed over the land and as the area of visitation was limited the damage done to tobacco was inconsiderable.

Mustard-seeds were an excellent crop in the Tufangunj Sub-division and the price ranged between Rs. 4 and Rs. 7 a maund.

The successive good harvests which growers of paddy reaped and the reasonable prices which paddy and tobacco fetched improved the material condition of the people. Public health, except for small-pox in the Sub-divisions and sporadic cholera, was generally good.

11. *Allowances, charities and Thakurbaries.*—The amount disbursed by the Ceremonial Department on account of allowances to Rajguns, Brahmins, poor students and others, donations and subscriptions to charitable institutions and cost of establishment was Rs. 88,702 against Rs. 61,694 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 27,008 which was chiefly due to expenditure provided under "Unforeseen" of the State Ceremonial Department on account of celebration of the Annaprasan ceremony of the Yuvaraj. Besides the above expenditures subscription &c., amounting to Rs. 6,351 were paid direct from the Treasury.

In the Debutter Department the total disbursements amounted to Rs. 38,137 against Rs. 36,341 of the previous year. The increase in expenditure was mainly due to construction charges of tin-sheds for the clay figures exhibited during the Rash Jatra festival.

Educational allowances were granted to 49 students during the year under report. Of these, 18 were natives of the State. Of the stipendiaries one passed the U. P., one M. E., one I. A., and one B. A., Examinations.

The daily average number of patients attending the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary was 42.90 against 47.78 of the previous year. The decrease is attributed to the comparatively healthy condition of the year.

The Ayurvedic Medical Garden is gradually becoming a regular source of supply of shrubs and plants for medicinal purposes.

Two thousand seven hundred sixty-eight persons received food at the Laxmoyee Dharmasala. The Thakurbaris in the town of Cooch Behar fed 45,771 with a daily average of 125.4 persons.

The Agent, Benares, disbursed Rs. 12,671 against Rs. 13,194 of the previous year on account of allowances of persons residing there and in maintaining the Thakurbaris and the Chhatra as also the houses owned by Your Highness. The number of persons who received meals at the Chhatra were 41,141.

12. *The Pooneah Durbar for 1323 B.S.*—The Pooneah ceremony for the Bengali year 1323 was held on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of April 1916. On the 20th of April the usual Durbar was held and Your Highness was pleased to receive at the Durbar the Nazar and homage from the officers and subjects of the State.

13. *Annāprasana and Namakaran ceremonies of the Yuvaraj.*—The Annāprasana and Namakaran ceremonies of the Yuvaraj (Heir Apparent) were held on the 15th of December 1916 in the Durbar Hall when Durbaries paid the Yuvaraj their respects. All the State courts and offices, the schools and the college remained closed on the 15th and the 16th of December in honour of the occasion.

14. *Birthday Durbar.*—On the 20th of December 1916 Your Highness' birthday Durbar was held when officers and subjects of the State presented Your Highness with Nazar. The day was observed as a close holiday throughout the State.

II.—Financial.

15. The Revenue of the year 1916-17 amounted to Rs. 31,54,323 against Rs. 30,68,415 of 1915-16 showing an increase of Rs. 85,908, and the Expenditure amounted to Rs. 30,78,494 against Rs. 28,80,790 of the preceding year, or an increase of Rs. 1,97,704. But deducting the Expenditure of 1916-17 (Rs. 30,78,494) from the Revenue of that year (Rs. 31,54,323), there was a surplus of Rs. 75,829.

The increase of Rs. 85,908 in Revenue, as stated above, is mainly due to increase under:—

I.—GENERAL REVENUE—

(a) *Land Revenue.*—Rs. 18,219 due to increases under Syrat, Cess and Miscellaneous.

(b) *Stamps.*—Rs. 2,02,381 due to sale of Judicial and Documentary Stamps, Court-Fee and Copying-Fee Stamps and Adhesive Stamps.

V.—(a) *Darjeeling Estate.*—Rs. 23,036 due to inclusion of 15 months' receipts in 1916-17 against 12 months' receipts in 1915-16. Financial year is to be followed there under Your Highness' orders.

VI.—*Cooch Behar State Railway.*—Rs. 22,658 due to development of traffic.

There are some heads which show decrease in Revenue, notably Chaklajat Estates which show a decrease of Rs. 13,114, the receipts being Rs. 4,79,802 during the year of report against Rs. 4,92,916 of 1915-16. The decrease is due to decreases under Rent (Rs. 14,356) and Cess (Rs. 1,113) and increases under Miscellaneous (Rs. 1,251) and Debutter (Rs. 1,104).

Besides the above, there are some other minor fluctuations under Revenue.

16. The expenditure of the year of report, as stated above, shows an increase of Rs. 1,97,704 over that of 1915-16. The chief increases in Expenditure are observable under:—

I.—*His Highness' Privy Purse*.—The expenditure was Rs. 8,45,500 against Rs. 3,00,000 of 1915-16 or an excess of Rs. 45,500.

III.—*Administration*.—

General.—Rs. 32,368 due to increases and decreases under various heads under several departments.

Revenue.—Rs. 37,216 principally due to increase under Re-settlement.

Miscellaneous.—Rs. 8,165 due to increases and decreases under various heads.

V.—*His Highness the Maharaja's Estates*.—Rs. 34,993 due principally to the adjustment of 15 months' accounts in 1916-17 and the purchase of the property known as "Snuggery" in Darjeeling, and decreases under all the sub-heads of the Chaklajat Budget.

*VI.—*State Ceremonial Department*.—Rs. 65,637 due to increases and decreases under several heads.

VII.—*Cooch Behar State Railway*.—Rs. 8,186 due principally to increase under working expenses.

The sum of Rs. 5,29,618 was paid during the year of report towards Repayments of Debts against Rs. 5,11,927 of 1915-16 or an excess of Rs. 17,691.

There were some decreases in expenditure notably under II. Allowance to His Highness' Relations (Rs. 33,566). This decrease is due to decrease under Children's Fund (Rs. 60,000) and some other decreases and increases in Allowance to Rajguns and Maharajkumars.

There was no expenditure under Railway Capital Expenditure during the year of report against an expenditure of Rs. 11,956 of 1915-16.

17. The cash balance at the Treasury at the close of the year 1916-17 amounted to Rs. 12,92,661 against Rs. 13,17,956 of 1915-16. This sum includes cash of the Government of Bengal (Rs. 2,31,673) and deposits and funds of the State (Rs. 2,86,795). The actual closing cash balance of the year of report is shown below:—

	Rs.
Cooch Behar State	6,20,984
Chaklajat Estates	1,53,200
Total	7,74,193

The sum of Rs. 40,700 was credited during 1916-17 into the Children's Fund and Rs. 15,500 was paid out of it to Maharajkumar Hitendra Narayan. At the close of the year 1916-17 the liability of the Fund stood at Rs. 54,500 to Maharajkumar Hitendra Narayan.

The fund for the Re-settlement of the State closed with a balance of Rs. 1,13,623.

The total deposit made by the State for Capital works on the Cooch Behar State Railway up to the 31st of March 1917 stands unaltered at Rs. 20,89,840 and the total expenditure incurred up to the above date amounts to Rs. 20,65,440.

The Capital Account of the Darjeeling Estates stood unaltered at Rs. 8,04,775.

18. In the Budget Estimates for 1917-18 the Revenue is estimated at Rs. 29,21,837 and the Expenditure at Rs. 28,78,873, showing a surplus of Rs. 42,964.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

19. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The following statement shows the result of the working of the line during the year of report as compared with the previous year:—

		For the year	
		1915-16.	1916-17.
		Rs.	Rs.
Gross earnings	...	2,63,494	2,86,152
Working expenses	...	1,22,709	1,30,895
Net earnings	...	1,40,785	1,55,257
Percentage of working expenses over gross earnings	...	46.84	45.75
Percentage of net earnings on Capital Outlay	...	6.19	6.82

20. *Municipalities.*—The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees during the year of report:—

RECEIPTS.

	Cooch Behar	Dinabata.	Mathabhangra.	Haldibari.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
State grant	27,219	1,900	2,665	1,900
Do. from Pound Fund	3,600	200	1,000	.....
Chaukidari Tax	4,488	1,106	770	660
Latrine Tax	6,406	969	829	.....
Miscellaneous	2,104	2,247	2,370	3,366
Total	43,817	9,422	7,634	5,926

EXPENDITURE.

	Cooch Behar	Dinabata.	Mathabhangra.	Haldibari.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Public Works	21,598	4,189	1,130	2,477
Establishment and Contingencies	7,394	797	484	1,215
Chaukidari Tax	2,762	510	577	.....
Conservancy	8,239	1,572	1,648	802
Lighting	3,703	835	620	553
Miscellaneous	3,226	938	2,393	549
Total	46,922	8,841	6,847	5,596

21. *Pensions and Allowances.*—Your Highness was pleased to sanction Rs. 3,864-5-9 as pensions and allowances during the year of report.

We have the honour to be

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servants,

J. A. MILLIGAN,

Vice-President.

NARENDRA NATH SEN,

Dewan of the State, Member.

VICTOR N. NARAYAN,

Extraordinary Member.

B. GHOSH,

Secretary to His Highness,—Member.

Statement showing the comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the Cooch Behar State for the years 1915-16 and 1916-17.

REVENUE	Actuals for 1915-16.	Actuals for 1916-17.	Difference.		EXPENDITURE.	Actuals for 1915-16.	Actuals for 1916-17.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.				Increase.	Decrease.
I.—General Revenue.									
a. Land Revenue	13,41,960	13,60,179	18,219	.....	I.—His Highness' Privy Purse	.....	.....	.....	.....
b. Stamps	3,42,453	5,44,834	2,02,381	.....	II.—Allowance to His Highness' Relations	.....	.....	.....	.....
c. Excise	1,76,899	1,78,694	1,795	.....	III.—Administration.	.....	.....	.....	.....
d. Interest on Loans and Investments	1,612	893	719	.....	1. Control	.....	.....	.....	.....
e. Sundries	11,205	12,980	1,755	.....	2. General	40,716	39,347	.....	1,369
II.—Law and Justice.					3. Revenue	4,48,929	4,80,397	.....	32,368
a. Civil and Sessions Court	924	952	28	.....	4. Law and Justice	2,93,270	3,30,436	.....	37,216
b. Registration	21,666	27,948	6,282	.....	5. Miscellaneous	66,419	68,053	.....	1,634
III.—Miscellaneous.					IV.—Debtor	1,04,773	1,12,338	.....	8,165
a. Criminal Justice	7,222	6,954	268	.....	V.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.	.....	.....	.....	.....
b. Jail	23,449	21,335	2,114	.....	a. Darjeeling Estate	43,241	1,07,000	.....	63,769
c. Education, Science and Arts	22,903	23,080	177	.....	b. Chakrajat Estates	3,23,936	2,95,170	.....	28,766
d. Public Works	8,172	7,525	647	.....	VI.—State Ceremonial Department	2,27,465	2,93,102	.....	65,637
e. Sundries	14,153	6,908	7,324	.....	VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway	1,22,709	1,30,895	.....	8,186
IV.—Debtor	1,08,703	1,15,468	6,763	.....	VIII.—Reserve Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....
V.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.					IX.—Miscellaneous	51,053	44,357	.....	6,696
a. Darjeeling Estate	57,705	90,741	23,036	.....	Total	23,56,407	25,48,376	.....	1,91,969
b. Chakrajat Estates	4,93,916	4,79,802	13,114	.....	Railway Capital Expenditure	.....	.....	.....	.....
VI.—Cooch Behar State Railway	2,63,494	2,86,152	22,658	.....	Repayment of Debts	5,11,927	5,29,618	.....	17,691
Total Revenue	28,95,415	31,54,323	2,58,908	.....	Total	28,80,790	30,78,494	.....	1,97,704
Fund for Repayment of debts	1,50,000	.....	1,50,000	.....	Surplus	1,87,925	75,929	.....	1,11,796
Resettlement Fund	23,000	.....	23,000	.....	Grand total	30,68,415	31,54,323	.....	85,908
Total	30,68,415	31,54,323	85,908	.....				
Deficit	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Grand total	30,68,415	31,54,323	85,908	.....				

His Highness' Office, Audit Department.
Cooch Behar, the August 1917.

B. Ghose,
Secretary to His Highness, in-charge
Accountant-General's Office.

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FROM

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VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
COOCH BEHAR.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR
IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th September, 1917.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1916-17 of the Departments under my charge. For the first three months of the year these Departments were under Your Highness' direct control, Mr. B. Ghose being in charge. On 1st July, I took over the office of Vice-President of the Council, assuming charge of the General Department. The title held by my predecessors of "Superintendent of the State" was changed by Your Highness' orders to that which I now hold. This change has given rise to one inconvenience, namely that letters intended for me in the General Department, frequently go to the Council Office and are not put up to me till the next meeting of Council thereby causing some delay and confusion; but this inconvenience will disappear when the Registrar has learned by experience which letters should go to me direct.

The beginning of my term of office was marked by another change. I allude to the conversion of Nilkuti into a guest-house, and the allotment to me of the residence formerly occupied by the Civil Surgeons.

In the body of the following reports, compiled by the various officers in charge of the offices with which they deal, I have incorporated most of the comments which I have to make. I shall confine myself here to a few brief notes on matters of special importance.

In general, the administration of the State goes on smoothly and satisfactorily and the officers who serve Your Highness are well worthy of the confidence reposed in them. But there is room for improvement in various directions noticeably the trial of cases, the work of the Police, the organisation of the Public Works Department, the State Press, Economic development of the resources of the State, and Sanitation. It is premature to discuss these matters at great length in this Report, as various schemes of reform, improvement, and development are under the consideration of Your Highness, the results of which the report for 1917-18 will be able to describe.

During the year under report a severe epidemic of small-pox ravaged the Sub-division of Mathabhanga and spread into Mekligunj, Dinhata and Tufan-gunj. To cope with this outbreak a staff of medical officers and vaccinators was organised and a special grant of money was sanctioned by Your Highness. I take this opportunity of bringing to Your Highness' notice the vigorous manner in which the Medical Department reorganised as an anti-small-pox army attacked the problem and the satisfactory results they have achieved. I may say that the daily returns have led me to order the abolition of the temporary Establishment at the end of July 1917, the period for which it was sanctioned.

In the end of December, Your Highness convened a meeting of gentlemen, official and non-official, to consider the question of taking steps to stimulate the economic development of the State. It was resolved that all interested be invited to submit suggestions in writing. In due course I received these suggestions and condensed them into a list. A considerable number of these are valuable and I am investigating their possibilities with the help of the Agricultural authorities of Bengal and Assam, and in one matter I propose to consult the Director of Agriculture of Behar. I shall then be in a position to place before Your Highness concrete proposals. In this connection I must allude to the interesting and instructive visit of Mr. T. Southwell, the Director of Fisheries, Bengal, to Cooh Behar and his valuable note on our fisheries. He intends to do all that he can to help the State to improve and develop this source of wealth. I would also mention the important experiment in the growing of superior grades of sugar-cane in the State which is being conducted by Messrs Turner Morrison & Co. of Calcutta with the assistance and support of Your Highness, an experiment which, if successful, will lead to big developments and the establishment within the State of an important industry.

The conduct of public business in the State suffers from lack of buildings. This is especially felt in the case of record-rooms, but is a handicap from which every department and office suffers to a greater or less degree. This important matter is receiving Your Highness' careful consideration and when the present high prices of material cease to rule in the markets of the world it will be possible for full and considered proposals to be submitted and a programme laid down and undertaken.

In forwarding the various reports of the departments under my charge I desire to express my appreciation of the good work and conscientious zeal of the officers whose labours are recorded in the following pages :—

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

1. *Charge.*—Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., was in charge of the Fouzdari office throughout the year.

The name of officers who held charge of the Subordinate Criminal Courts and the changes which took place during the year are shewn in the following statements :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Names of Naib Ahilkar.	Period of remaining in charge.	Names of Peripatetic or Additional Naib Ahilkar.	Period of remaining in charge.
Sudder ...	<i>Sudder Naib Ahilkar's Court.</i>			
	Babu Sarat Ch. Ghosal, M.A., B.L.	From 1-4-16 to 19-4-16 and from 16-5-16 to 30-11-16.	.....	.....
	„ Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L.	From 20-4-16 to 30-4-16	.....	.....
	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Ch. Mustafi.	From 1-12-16 to 31-3-17 There was no Sudder Naib Ahilkar during the intervening period and some of the cases had to be transferred to the Fouzdari Ahilkar's file and the cases were tried by him.	.....	.....
	<i>Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.</i>			
	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Ch. Mustafi.	From 1-4-16 to 30-9-16.	.....	.....
Tufangunj..	Babu Sarat Ch. Ghosal, M.A., B.L.	From 1-10-16 to 2-12-16. No charge of the criminal works was remained with the Naib Ahilkar for the remaining period of the year.	.....	.....
	„ Rajani Kanta Bhomic, M.A., B.L.	From 1-4-16 to 29-11-16	.....	.....
	„ Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L.	From 1-12-16 to the end of the year. The Head Clerk and Sheristadar was in charge of the office on the 30-11-16.	.....	.....
Dinbata ...	„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L.	From 1-4-16 to 1-5-16 and from 16-8-16 to 30-11-16	Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L.	From 1-4-16 to 18-4-16 and from 16-8-16 to 29-11-16.
	„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L.	From 2-5-16 to 15-8-16	„ Sarat Ch. Ghosal, M.A., B.L.	From 7-12-16 to 11-2-17. During the intervening period there was no Additional Naib Ahilkar.
	„ Rajani Kanta Bhomic, M.A., B.L.	From 1-12-16 to the end of the year.	.....
Matlabhangu	„ Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L.	Throughout the year.	„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L.	From 1-4-16 to 4-4-16 and from 17-1-16 to 29-11-16.
Mekligunj...	„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L.	From 1st to 15th April 1916 and from 15-4-16 to 11-2-17.	„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L.	From 1-12-16 to 31-8-17. There was no Additional Naib Ahilkar for the intervening period.
	„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L.	From 6-4-16 to 14-4-16 and from 12-2-17 to 31-3-17.	.....	.....

2. *Bench of Honourary Magistrates at Haldibari.*—Babu Mohini Kumar Bagchi held the charge of the Haldibari Bench from the beginning of the year to the 28th February 1917 and Mr. T. McMurphy from 1st March to the end of the month.

There were 18 sittings in the year against 14 of the year previous shewing an increase of 4 sittings; out of 18 sittings 4 proved futile for want of quorum.

The cases tried were mostly of offences under section 31 of the Police Act.

Forty-seven cases were tried by the Bench during the year against 49 of the previous year shewing a decrease of 2 cases.

3. *Criminal Statistics.*—The following table shews the number of cognizable and non-cognizable cases instituted during the past 3 years :—

YEAR.	Offences.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
1914-15	1235	1457	2692
1915-16	1240	1258	2498
1916-17	1160	1272	2432

The number of cases reported during the year was 2432 against 2498 of the preceding year shewing a decrease of 66 cases.

The decrease was due to the falling off in the institution of cognizable cases.

4. *Cognizable and non-cognizable crimes* :—The following table shews the number and variety of offences reported during the year under report as compared with those of the previous year :—

CLASS OF OFFENCE.	Cognizable cases A, Part I.				Non-cognizable cases B, Part I.			
	1915-16.	1916-17.	Increase.	Decrease.	1915-16.	1916-17.	Increase.	Decrease.
I. Offence against the State ...	39	28	...	11	41	26	...	15
II. Serious offence against person ...	95	91	...	4	...	...	...	...
III. Do. against property..	332	354	22	...	13	10	...	3
IV. Minor offence against person ...	13	20	7	...	481	433	...	48
V. Do. against property ...	518	469	...	49	365	407	42	...
VI. Other offences ...	243	198	...	45	225	229	4	...
VII. Cases under Special & Local Laws	...	...	...	...	133	167	34	...
Total ...	1,240	1,160	...	80	1,258	1,272	14	...

5. The following statement gives the result for the past 3 years as regards persons brought to trial convicted, acquitted, or otherwise disposed of :—

Particulars.	1914-1915.			1915-1916.			1916-1917.		
	Cogniz-able.	Non-cogniz-able.	Total.	Cogniz-able.	Non-cogniz-able.	Total.	Cogniz-able.	Non-cogniz-able.	Total
Number of cases reported ...	1,271	1,546	2,817	1,288	1,365	2,653	1,200	1,370	2,570
Number of persons brought to trial ...	934	901	1,835	1,023	868	1,891	1,051	928	1,979
Convicted ...	630	366	996	660	326	986	527	316	843
Released ...	294	167	461	302	182	484	379	158	537
Otherwise disposed of ...	8	298	306	26	314	340	59	398	457*
Pending at the end of the year ...	52	70	122	35	46	81	86	56	142
Percentage of conviction to total number of persons tried.	68.18	68.64	68.35	68.60	64.17	67.07	58.16	66.66	61.08

* This includes the acquittals under sections 247, 248, 259 & 345 of Criminal Procedure Code.

6. *Cases not enquired into.*—Under Section 157 (b) Criminal Procedure Code the Police refused to investigate 84 cases during the year under report against 120 cases of the previous year.

7. *Abstract of heinous offences.*—The following is an abstract of heinous offences :—

Murder.—Two cases of murder against three of the previous year were reported during the year. Of these, one was committed to the Court of Sessions from Mathabhanga and ended in acquittal; one case was reported from Sudder and after preliminary enquiry ended in acquittal.

Culpable Homicide.—One case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against five cases of the previous year was reported during the year from Mathabhanga and committed to the Court of Sessions, but it remained pending there at the close of the year.

Dacoity.—Five cases of dacoity against the same number of the previous year were reported during the year. Of these, two cases were reported from Dinhata of which one was declared mistake of law and the other was not detected after vigorous investigation. There was one case from Mathabhanga. It was committed to the Court of Sessions and ended in conviction. One case was reported from Mekligunj and the other from Tufangunj. Both the cases were not detected after vigorous endeavour. One case from Mekligunj which was shewn pending last year with Police was not detected.

Rape.—One case against three of the previous year was reported during the year from Dinhata and was pending at the end of the year.

Unnatural offence.—Three cases against nil of the previous year were reported during the year. Of these two cases reported from Dinhata ended in conviction and the other from Mathabhanga remained pending at the end of the year.

Robbery.—Eight cases of robbery were reported during the year against three of the previous year. Of these, 3 were reported from Dinhata, one ended in conviction, one was found mistake of fact and the other remained pending at the end of the year. 3 cases were reported from Mekligunj, of which one ended in acquittal and the other two were not detected after vigorous endeavour. 2 cases were reported from Tufangunj, of which one case ended in conviction and the other was found mistake of fact.

Kidnapping.—Nine cases of kidnapping were reported during the year against 18 of the previous year. Of these, 4 cases were reported from Mathabhanga. 2 cases ended in acquittal and the other two were found mistake of fact or law. 2 cases were reported from Mekligunj of which one ended in conviction and other in acquittal. One case was reported from Tufangunj and it was found mistake of fact. One case was reported from Sudder and was declared false. One case was reported from Dinhata and ended in acquittal.

Arson cases.—Seven cases were reported during the year against 3 of the previous year. Of these, 5 were reported from Dinhata. Two cases ended in conviction, one was found false, one ended in acquittal and the other remained pending at the end of the year. 2 cases were reported from Mathabhanga of which one ended in acquittal in the Sessions Court and the other was declared false. One case which was shewn pending last year from Mathabhanga ended in acquittal.

8. The following table shews the distribution of work in the Criminal Courts for the year 1916-17 :—

Names of Judge and Magistrates.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
<i>Sudder.</i>							
Babu Harendra Narayan Choudhuri, B.L., Sessions Judge ...	6	12	...	12	...	...	60.
Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, Sessions Judge ...	8	11	9	...	...	2	100.
" Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	468	285	213	29	35	8	88.01
" Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, Additional Magistrate ...	4	11	2	1	8	...	66.66
Rai Choudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Mal. Naib Ahilkar ...	27	32	11	11	9	1	50.
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Sudder Naib Ahilkar ...	164	109	32	52	25	...	38.09
" Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Sudder Naib Ahilkar ...	9	7	1	2	4	...	33.3
Rai Chowdhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Naib Ahilkar ...	151	149	17	41	73	18	29.31
Total ...	870	616	285	148	154	29	...
<i>Tufanganj.</i>							
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhounik, M.A. B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	221	142	104	10	28	...	91.22
" Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Naib Ahilkar ...	85	77	19	9	30	19	68.87
Total ...	306	219	123	19	58	19	...
<i>Dinhat.</i>							
Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	141	92	39	54	...	...	65.
" Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Offg. Naib Ahilkar ...	184	142	66	76	...	...	57.88
" Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	70	73	17	56	...	...	50.
" Rajani Kanta Bhounik, Naib Ahilkar ...	196	121	56	31	...	34	73.68
" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.B. B.L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar ...	26	40	8	32	...	...	27.58
Total ...	617	469	186	249	...	...	...
<i>Mathabhanga.</i>							
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L. Naib Ahilkar ...	358	197	81	33	72	11	71.05
" Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	98	148	39	34	75	...	53.42
" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar Addl. Naib Ahilkar ...	63	78	27	15	10	20	64.2
Total ...	519	423	147	82	163	31	...
<i>Mekligunj.</i>							
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosal, M.A. B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	202	143	51	51	41	...	50.
" Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	49	62	5	6	22	29	45.45
Total ...	251	205	56	57	63	29	...
Haldibari Bench Magistrate's Court ...	47	47	46	1	...	...	97.87
Grand Total ...	2570	1979	843	556	438	142	60.25

9. The following table gives the result of commitment to the Court of Sessions :—

Names of committing officers.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
<i>Sudder.</i>							
1. Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar,	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
<i>Dinhat.</i>							
2. " Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	1	2	...	2	...	...	...
<i>Mathabhanga.</i>							
3. " Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar, ...	6	18	9	9	...	...	50.
<i>Mekligunj.</i>							
4. " Umanath Dutt, B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar	1	2	...	...	...	2	...
Total ...	9	23	9	12	...	2	...

10. The following table gives the longest, shortest and average period of detention of under-trial prisoners :—

Names of Officers.	Longest period of detention.	Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
SUDDER.	M. D.	D.	D.
Babu Harendra Narayan Chondhuri, B.L., Sessions Judge ...	110	24	23-63
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Ditto. ...	126	47	52-40
„ Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	68	1	11-98
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Additional Magistrate ...	129	2	57-20
„ Rai Chondhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Mal. Naib Ahilkar ...	48	8	15-71
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Sudder Naib Ahilkar ..	38	1	15-56
TUFANGUNJ.			
„ Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	28	1	6-65
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	32	1	6-60
DINHATA.			
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	28	1	20-60
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	26	1	10-45
„ Rajani Kanta Bhaumick, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	51	1	14-50
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	30	1	17-75
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	16	1	5-0
MATHABHANGA.			
„ Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	28	1	8-66
„ Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	56	7	31-50
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	48	1	24-50
MEKLI GUNJ.			
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	83	1	19-84
„ Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	48	1	15-09

11. *Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure:—*
The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases :—

Nature of cases.	No. of cases.	Dismissed.	Decreed or orders passed against the accused.	Compromised.	Struck off.	Pending.
Maintenance	24	1	3	6	13	1
Right of way	76	8	15	16	26	16
Security to keep the peace under Sections 106, 107, Cr. P. C.	8	2	2	...	8	1
Do. Under Secs. 109 and 110, Cr. P. C.	5	.....	3	.....	2	.....
Total	118	6	23	22	44	18

12. *Compensation paid to the complainants and the accused.*—Rs. 361 was given as compensation to complainants under Section 545 of the Criminal Procedure Code in all the different courts in the State in the year under report.

No compensation was given to accused under Section 250 Criminal Procedure Code.

13. *Unnatural deaths.*—There were 167 cases of unnatural deaths during the year against 162 of the preceding year. The details are given below:—

Names of Police Station and Out-post.	Suicide.	Drown- ing.	Snake bite.	Fall from building.	Other causes.	By wild animals.	Total.
Kotwali Police Station ...	8	18	10	1	3	1	41
Tufangunj „ ...	2	18	5	.....	3	1	29
Dinhata „ ...	2	22	5	.....	6	.....	35
Mathabhanga „ ...	2	13	9	.....	5	1	80
Shitalkhuchi O. P. ...	.....	4	1	.....	3	.....	8
Mekligunj Police Station ...	.....	10	2	.....	1	3	16
Haldibari „ ...	.....	4	2	.....	2	.....	8
Total ...	14	89	34	1	23	6	167

14. *Realisation of fines.*—The result of realisation of fines during the last 3 years is given in the following table:—

	YEARS.		
	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
Balance of the previous year	Rs. 757	Rs. 887	Rs. 1,018
Imposed during the year	8,771	7,248	6,412
Total amount to be realised	9,528	8,135	7,430
Realised during the year	8,641	7,066	6,388
Remitted or written off	.....	51	.....
Balance at the end of the year	887	1,018	1,042

15. *Stamps and Court-fees.*—The following table shews the realisation of money on account of stamp and Court-fees in the various criminal courts in the State:—

Names of Courts.	Stamps.		Court-fees.		Total.	
	1915-16.	1916-17.	1915-16.	1916-17.	1915-16.	1916-17.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sudder ...	1,334	1,205	848	814	1,982	2,019
Tufangunj ...	644	667	330	375	974	1,042
Dinhata ...	1,028	1,142	627	693	1,655	1,835
Mathabhanga ...	1,240	1,284	1,052	1,167	2,292	2,451
Mekligunj ...	589	604	315	358	904	949
Haldibari ...	4	14	6	6	10	20
Total ...	4,639	4,916	3,178	3,393	7,817	8,309

16. The following statement shows the number and detention of witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts in the State of Cooch Behar for the year 1916-17:—

Name and designation of Magistrate.	Total number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and finally discharged.	DETENTION OF WITNESSES ENTERED IN COLUMNS 6 AND 7 FOR—							
					One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
SUDDER.												
Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar.	358	324	24	...	335	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Additional Magistrate.	145	145	...	1	129	9	5	...	1	1	...	...
Raf Choudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Mal. N. A. & Treasury Officer.	97	87	10	...	48	35	6	8	...	...	...	...
„ Choudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Naib Ahilkar.	491	326	143	22	359	99	5	2	2	2	...	...
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Sudder Naib Ahilkar.	460	366	91	...	408	52	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Sudder Naib Ahilkar.	26	25	1	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,577	1,288	272	22	1,315	218	16	10	3	3	...	...
TUFANGUNJ.												
„ Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	683	582	121	...	682	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	224	155	69	...	221	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	907	717	190	...	903	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
DINHATA.												
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	261	184	77	...	260	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	356	267	89	...	356	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	161	156	5	...	157	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	525	418	107	...	517	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	170	141	29	...	170	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,473	1,166	307	...	1,460	13	...	...	...	...	...	...
MATHABHANGA.												
„ Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	647	515	132	...	619	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	501	425	76	...	451	37	8	...	...	...	...	...
„ Daskhina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	205	174	31	...	192	13	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,353	1,114	239	...	1,262	68	3	...	...	...	...	...
MEKLI GUNJ.												
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	53	508	22	...	508	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	83	82	1	...	70	9	4	...	...	...	...	...
Total	613	590	23	...	578	31	4	...	...	...	...	...
HALDIBARI.												
Bench Magistrate	33	33	...	...	28	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	33	33	...	...	28	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	5,956	4,903	1,031	22	5,556	329	23	10	3	3	...	...

17. *Palace Theft Case.*—As the prosecution in the Palace Theft Case cited the Fouzdari Ahilkar as a witness, he was unable to try it. Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata, was recommended for transfer to the Sudder as Additional Magistrate to try the case. Your Highness in Council was pleased to accept this recommendation. Babu Pramatha Nath then came to Cooch Behar as an Additional Magistrate for the purpose and was placed under the Fouzdari Ahilkar.

In the course of the trial of the case the accused persons threw themselves unreservedly on the mercy of Your Highness and it pleased Your Highness to order the case against them to be stopped, they undertaking to leave Cooch Behar State with all the members of their families.

Final orders on the case were passed on the 21st September 1916.

The case against accused Aktaruddin was separately dealt with by Your Highness in Council.

18. *Summary of cases for recovery of wives.*—There were 121 petitions filed during the year against 96 of the previous year. There were also 2 cases pending from the preceding year. Of these cases, 78 were struck off, in 32 cases the wives were made over to their husbands. 8 cases in which the wives denied the marriage, were ordered to be referred to the Civil Court. 3 remained pending at the close of the year.

19. The following table shows the number of Chowkidars, Panchayets and Collecting Panchayets during the year under report together with the number of villages served by them:—

Name of Sub-division.	No. of Chowkidars.	No. of Panchayets.	No. of Collecting Panchayets.	No. of villages for which Panchayets worked.
Sudder ...	323	549	143	263
Tufangunj ...	213	268	75	126
Dinhata ...	377	549	58	310
Mathabhanga ...	450	292	67	267
Mekligunj ...	223	212	59	243
Total ...	1,586	1,870	402	1,209

The total number of Chowkidars was 1586 against the same number of the previous year. The Collecting Panchayets worked badly on the whole. The maximum and minimum pay of the Chowkidars continued to be Rs. 6 and Rs. 4-8-6 respectively, as in the previous year.

The total receipt was Rs. 7,760 against Rs. 7,320 of the previous year and the expenditure was Rs. 4,670 against Rs. 3,191 of the previous year. The net profit to the fund for the year was therefore Rs. 3,090 against Rs. 4,129 of the previous year shewing a decrease of Rs. 1,039. The decrease is mainly due to the expenditure of Rs. 1,000 for the removal of the Chowkidari shed at Tufangunj. The balance of the Chowkidari fund stood at Rs. 4,938 on the 31st March 1917.

20. *Cattle Pounds.*—The number of cattle Pounds in the State was 107 against 106 of the previous year—owing to the establishment of one experimental Pound in Takafanda in the Mathabhanga Sub-division. The gross receipt from the Pounds was Rs. 13,793 against Rs. 13,082 of the previous year shewing an increase of Rs. 711. The cost of maintenance and establishment together with the charges for reward paid for killing rabid and stray dogs was Rs. 508 against Rs. 476 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 32. This left a profit of Rs. 13,285. Of this sum Rs. 5,800 was paid to the several Town Committees as help to effect improvements of the Town concerned. The net profit of the fund for the year was therefore Rs. 7,485. To this may be added Rs. 176 per cent. of interest on Promissory notes received during the year. The balance of the Pound Fund stood at Rs. 18,065 on 31st March 1917.

21. *Sale and free distribution of Quinine Tabloids to the people of the State.*—During the year under report the sale and free distribution of quinine tabloids in different Sub-divisions were as noted below:—

	Sold.	Distributed.	Total.
Sudder ...	41	...	41
Tufangunj ...	64	21	85
Dinhata ...	164	24	188
Mathabhanga ...	110	...	110
Mekligunj ...	21	...	21
Total ...	400	45	445

There was a balance of 681 treatments out of 1126 in the store and in the hands of officers to whom they had been made over for sale and free distribution. There was not much improvement in the sale inspite of our efforts to popularise the use of quinine tabloids in the Mofussil.

22. *Rain-fall*.—The total rain-fall recorded in the Town of Cooch Behar was 189·81 inches against 106·78 inches of the previous year shewing an increase of 83·03. The heavy rain-fall in April and May retarded the weeding operations of Bitri in low lands.

• As the cultivators got better prices for their jute in the year preceding they extended its cultivation to some extent in the year under report. But the heavy rain-fall of May and June retarded the weeding operations and the early flood of the year did some damage to the crop. Nevertheless the outturn of the crop was better than that of the year before. Price of jute remained unaltered from the preceding year, being Rs. 8 to Rs. 9 per maund.

The general health of the town was on the whole good. Epidemic of small-pox in virulent form broke out in Mathabhanga. Special measures were however adopted in time to cope with this epidemic.

The epidemic statement supplied by the Superintendent of Police is given below :—

Statement of Epidemics for 1916-17.

Names of Police Stations and Out Posts.	Remaining from the previous year	Number of attacked.	Number died.	Number cured.	Remaining at the end of the year.
Cholera.					
Tufangunj P. S.	14	11	3	.....
Kotwali P. S.	4	4	.....	.....
Dinhata P. S.	26	22	4	.....
Mathabhanga P. S.	6	3	3	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	8	4	4	.....
Mekligunj P. S.
Haldibari P. S.
Total	58	44	14	.....
Small-pox.					
Tufangunj P. S.	64	13	47	4
Kotwali P. S.	88	44	40	4
Dinhata P. S. ...	4	202	38	83	83
Mathabhanga P. S. ...	16	1,501	559	750	208
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	123	27	76	20
Mekligunj P. S.	146	64	70	12
Haldibari P. S.	166	43	122	1
Total ...	20	2,290	788	1,190	332
Cattle disease.					
Tufangunj P. S.
Kotwali P. S.	9	9	.....	.....
Dinhata P. S.
Mathabhanga P. S.
Shitalkhuchi O. P.
Mekligunj P. S.	10	10	.....	.....
Haldibari P. S.
Total	19	19	.....	.....

23. *Tour of officers*.—During the year under report the Fouzdari Ahilkar was on tour for 37 days. He visited Mekligunj, Dinhata, Mathabhanga, Tufangunj, Shitalkhuchi and Haldibari, certain Bunder, Hat and cattle pounds in the Mofussil and Sudder. He inspected all the Police Stations and Out-Posts, looked into the working of the Panchayets and the Chowkidars. He made inquiries regarding small-pox and vaccination operations, also regarding crops and the condition of the people.

24. *Conduct of Police—Sudder*.—Sub-Inspector Durga Prosad Dutt was charged under sections 409 & 466 Indian Penal Code and committed to the

Court of Sessions where he was acquitted. One Offg. Sub-Inspector and a constable were sent up for trial under sections 347 & 384 Indian Penal Code. The case was received by transfer from the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj. The accused persons were acquitted by the Sudder Naib Ahilkar under section 258 Criminal Procedure Code. The above Sub-Inspector was also prosecuted under section 403 Indian Penal Code by the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj. The case was transferred to the Fouzdari Ahilkar's file and the accused person was discharged under section 203 Criminal Procedure Code.

25. *Tufangunj*.—One constable was prosecuted under sections 25 of Cooch Behar Police Act and 332 Indian Penal Code and was convicted under both the sections.

26. *Mekligunj*.—One constable was prosecuted under sections 25 of Cooch Behar Police Act and 223 Indian Penal Code and was convicted under both the sections.

27. *Mathabhanga*.—Two constables were judicially punished: one under section 223 Indian Penal Code and the other under section 352 Indian Penal Code.

28. *Character of officers*.—The office staff worked well under the able supervision of Sheristadar Babu Skoshee Bhusan Sen.

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29. *Charge*.—Kumar Gojendra Narayan, Junior, M. R. A. C., was in charge of the Department up to 28th December 1916 when he retired, making over charge with Inspector Babu Priyalal Ghosh who held charge of the Department from 29th December to 31st March 1917.

30. *Cost*.—The Budget Provision for the year was Rs. 65,006 against Rs. 64,589 in the preceding year, while the expenditure was Rs. 63,210 against the Rs. 62,308 of the previous year.

The cost of the force employed purely on Police work, prevention and detection of crime, may be approximately put down at Rs. 22,740 or 7.36 pies per head of population during the year, against Rs. 22,350 or 7.23 pies per head in the previous year. The number of Police so employed was 138 against the same number in the previous year.

31. *Cognizable cases*.—The cognizable crime report statement A (Parts I & II) has been submitted along with the Fouzdari Ahilkar's report.

The number of cognizable cases (taken up *suo moto* by the Police) during the year was 783 against 846 of the previous year. With the cases pending at the commencement of the year, there were 823 cases to be dealt with. Of these, 339 cases were sent up on charge sheets, 258 true cases remained undetected, 29 cases were found to be intentionally false and 58 cases are false owing to mistake of law, fact or declared non-cognizable. The Police refused investigation in 84 cases, 55 cases remained pending at the end of the year, both with Police and Magistrates. The percentage of charge sheets in true cases was 56.78 against 60.15 of the previous year.

32. *The proportion of Police to population and crime*.—The following table shews the proportion of Police on purely Police work (prevention and detection of crime) to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last two years:—

Year.	Police.	Population.	Cognizable cases.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1915-16	138	5,93,052	805	1 to 4297.47	1 to 5.90	1 to 736.71
1916-17	138	5,93,052	716	1 to 4297.47	1 to 5.18	1 to 828.28

33. *Proportion of cognizable crime to population.*—The following table shews the proportion of cognizable crime to population and area in the 5 Sub-divisions of the State :—

		NAMES OF SUB-DIVISIONS.					
DETAILS.		Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
Area in square-miles ...		284	223	269	334	197	1,307
Population		1,30,602	80,147	1,48,529	1,42,704	91,070	5,93,052
COGNIZABLE CRIME.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	13	3	2	10	12	40
	Reported during the year.	330	162	291	230	147	1,160
	Disposed of during the year.	330	154	281	232	148	1,145
	Pending at the end of the year.	13	11	12	8	11	55
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.		1 to 395.76	1 to 494.73	1 to 510.41	1 to 620.45	1 to 619.52	1 to 511.25
Proportion of cognizable crime to area.		1 to 0.86	1 to 1.37	1 to 0.92	1 to 1.45	1 to 1.34	1 to 1.14

Two cases of Sudder and one of Mathabhanga of previous years shewn as true undetected were detected this year. These have been included in the number pending at the beginning of the year.

34. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which forms were used by the Police during the year under report was 716. Of these, 103 or 14.38 per cent. were declared intentionally false or false owing to mistake of law, fact or otherwise. 5 prosecutions for bringing false cases were instituted against 4 of the preceding year. Of these, 2 ended in conviction and 3 remained pending.

35. *Cases not enquired into.*—A comparative statement is given below shewing the number of cases reported during the year and those of the previous year and also cases not investigated under section 157 (b) of Criminal Procedure Code, in those two years together with the percentage of cases refused investigation to those reported during those two years :—

	1915-16	1916-17
Number of cases ...	846	783
Number of cases not enquired into ...	120	84
Percentage ...	14.18	10.72

36. *Petition cases.*—Petition cases referred to the Police by the Magistrates for investigation were disposed of as follows :—

Details.	No. of cases.
Sent up in charge sheet ...	9
True (undetected) ...	7
Non-cognizable ...	3
False ...	13
Summary ...	74
Total ...	106

37. *Property stolen and recovered.*—The statement below shews the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last two years :—

AMOUNT OF PROPERTY		YEARS.	
		1915-16. Rs.	1916-17. Rs.
{	Stolen ...	4,30,777	22,485
	Recovered ...	4,12,838	3,485
	Percentage of recovery ...	95.83	15.49

38. *Percentage of conviction.*—The following table shews the result of trial of persons in cognizable cases taken up by the Police as well as those taken up by the Magistrates direct (*Vide A, II.*) :—

	YEARS.	
	1915-16.	1916-1917.
Total number of persons ...	1,033	1,051
Acquitted or discharged ...	302	379
Convicted ...	660	527
Otherwise disposed of ...	26	59
Pending trial ...	35	86
Percentage of conviction ...	68.60	58.16

39. *Remands in Police cases.*—The statement below shews the cases which have undergone the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates :—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with sections.	DATE OF		Duration of trial.	Order.	REMARKS.
			Charge sheet.	Final order.			
Babu Gopal Ch. Chatterjee, Fonzdar Ahlikar.	16	No. 3 of April 1916, P. S. Kotwali Secs. 149, 326 and 149 I. P. C.	11-4-16	11-8-16	4 months	conviction	
Ditto	9	No. 6 of July 1916, P. S. Kotwali Sec. 302 I. P. C.	28-7-16	29-8-16	1 month and 1 day.	Discharge.	
" Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Naib Ahlikar.	7	No. 1 of July 1916, P. S. Ifaldibari Secs. 379 and 144 I. P. C.	31-7-16	20-9-16	2 months.	Conviction.	
Ditto	7	No. 2 of Sept. 1916, P. S. Mekligunj Sec. 303 I. P. C.	22-9-16	22-11-16	2 months and 1 day.	Do.	
" Rajani Kanta Bhowmick, Naib Ahlikar.	18	No. 5 of Nov. 1916, P. S. Dinhata Sec. 333 I. P. C.	5-12-16	26-3-17	3 months and 22 days.	Do.	
Ditto	12	No. 1 of Dec. 1916, P. S. Dinhata Sec. 380 I. P. C.	14-12-16	26-2-17	2 months and 13 days.	Do.	
" Uma Nath Dutta, Naib Ahlikar	10	No. 7 of April 1916, O. P. Shitalkhuchi Secs. 447 and 147 I. P. C.	12-5-16	8-8-16	2 months and 24 days.	Out of 10 accused 5 convicted 4 acquitted and 1 discharged.	Police fixed the date for hearing on 18-5-16.
Ditto	10	No. 8 of April 1916 O. P. Shitalkhuchi Secs. 142 and 447 I. P. C.	26-5-16	14-8-16	2 months and 20 days.	Conviction	Ditto on 26-8-16.
Ditto	11	No. 4 of August 1916, P. S. Mathabhanga Sec. 546 I. P. C.	20-8-16	6-2-17	5 months and 8 days.	Out of 3 accused 2 convicted and 1 discharged.	Ditto on 30-1-16.

40. *Conviction.*—Below is a statement of percentage of conviction in cases and persons in Police *suo moto* cases for the last two years :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	1915-16.		1916-17	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1. Sudder ...	92.56	85.79	93.95	88.82
2. Tufanganj ...	81.81	74.60	90.90	86.95
3. Dinhata ...	95.69	91.49	96.92	87.50
4. Mathabhanga ...	79.54	69.04	73.80	54.32
5. Mekligunj ...	92.50	62.47	68.75	50.00
For the whole State...	91.07	79.78	88.88	78.37

41. *Vagrancy and bad characters.*—Five cases were instituted against 4 of the preceding year. Nine persons were sent up of whom 5 were convicted and 4 acquitted.

42. *Arms act.*—One hundred and fifty-six licenses were issued during the year against 147 in the previous year. Ten cases were instituted under the Arms act; all ended in conviction.

Three guns, 2 gattias, 4 spears and 1 votechora were seized against 13 guns, 1 gattia and 2 spears of the preceding year.

43. *Investigation of cases by Police.*—The following is the detail of investigation made by Police-officers :—

By Inspectors	...	...	...	...	13
„ Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	...	675
„ Head Constables	...	...	...	...	28
Total					716

The investigations made by Head constables were all under unavoidable circumstances.

44. *Absconders.*—No person absconded during the year under report. One of the 11 old absconders was arrested, sent up and convicted.

45. *Unnatural death.*—One hundred and sixty-seven cases of unnatural death were reported against 162 of the preceding year shewing an increase of 5 cases ; details are given below :—

				1915-16	1916-17
Suicide	...	...	...	11	14
Drowning	...	...	...	84	89
Snake bite	...	...	...	31	34
Fall from building	...	...	...	1	1
By wild animals	...	...	...	7	6
Other cases	...	...	...	28	23
Total				162	167

46. *Judicial fines.*—The following statement shews the work in connection with the realization of judicial fines :—

				1915-16. Rs.	1916-17 Rs.
Balance at the beginning of the year	...	...	...	887	1,018
Imposed during the year	...	...	...	7,249	6,412
Total amount to be realized	...	...	...	8,136	7,430
Remitted or written off	...	...	...	51	...
Realized during the year	...	...	...	7,067	7,388
Balance at the end of the year	...	...	...	1,018	1,042

47. *Rewards and punishments.*—The following table shews the rewards and punishments in the force during the last two years :—

RANK.		REWARDS.		PUNISHMENTS.									
				Judicially.				Departmentally.					
				1915-1916.		1916-1917.		1915-1916.		1916-1917.			
		Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.		FINE.		FINE.	
										Number.	Amount.	Dismissed.	Dismissed.
Inspectors	...	...	...	Rs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspectors	...	6	165	6	98	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Head-constables	...	5	19	6	38	...	...	...	...	3	6	2	12
Constables	...	1	5	18	118-8	4	...	2*	2†	12	19-8	8	7

* One with simple imprisonment and one with rigorous imprisonment.

† With fine and imprisonment under sections 323 and 223 I, P. C. and section 25 of the C. B. Police Act.

Of the above reward, Rs. 10 was given in Target practice and the balance for good work in connection with cases. Three constables were dismissed for having been judicially punished and 1 Sub-Inspector and 19 Constables for misconduct and breach of discipline.

48. *Escort.*—Treasures amounting to Rs. 14,66,700 belonging to both the State and Government against Rs. 12,78,050 of the previous year were escorted by the State Police. The number of persons escorted during the year was 326 against 801 of the preceding year.

49. *Drill and Target practice.*—The men were regularly drilled throughout the year. 20 men were put through Target practice and a reward of Rs. 10 together with the musketry badge was awarded to Constable Tulshiram Ojha for being the best shot.

50. *Retirement.*—The Superintendent of Police, 1 Inspector of Police, 2 Sub-Inspectors and 1 Constable retired during the year.

51. *Good conduct stripes and allowances.*—The year closed with 141 persons in possession of good conduct stripes against 255 of the previous year.

52. *Mortality and health of the force.*—There were 3 deaths during the year against 4 of the preceding year. The daily average of sick in hospital was 218 against 244 of the previous year.

53. *Fire.*—The Reserve Sub-Inspector was in-charge of the Fire Brigade. 5 cases of fire against 8 of the preceding year broke out in the town, none causing any serious loss to property.

54. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of two Jamedars and 21 Chowkidars and the Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga towns had 5, 7 and 6 Chowkidars respectively during the year.

55. *Street Lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Town Committees had 133, 32, 31 and 42 street lamps respectively and their respective costs were Rs. 3,703, Rs. 834, Rs. 453, and Rs. 620.

56. *Public health.*—The total number of death from cholera was 44 against 1595 of the previous year. Attack and death were all over the State except in Mekligunj and Haldibari. The number being highest in Dinhata and in lowest in Kotwali. The number of death from small-pox was 788 against 256 of the preceding year, all over the State.

57. *Rural Police.*—The following table shews the number of village Chowkidars rewarded during the last two years :—

				1915-16.	1916-17.
Case work ...	{	Number	...	9	12
		Amount	...	Rs. 48	Rs. 49
Good service.	{	Number	...	157	708
		Amount	...	Rs. 140-12	Rs. 852

Rs. 135 was paid to 6 discharged old Chowkidars for gratuity.

58. *Finger Print.*—Eighteen finger impressions of under-trial prisoners and suspects were taken and sent to the different Bureaus. In 4 cases only identity was established. 24 finger prints of ex-convicts were sent for permanent record in the central Bureau.

59. *Emigration and Immigration.*—Three hundred and ninety-five persons emigrated from and 230 persons immigrated into the State against 224 and 461 respectively in the preceding year.

60. *Miscellaneous duties.*—As in the previous year the Police had to perform certain miscellaneous duties other than their legitimate ones.

61. *Training of cadets.*—First grade Head Constable Manimohon Ganguli has been sent to the Surdah Police Training College for a course of training which will last till December next.

62. *Remarks on the working of the subordinates.*—The new Superintendent of Police having joined his duties only at the beginning of the current year he has refrained from recording any opinion on the conduct and working of the subordinate officers.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

63. *Charge of the Jail.*—The administrative charge of the Jail was held by the Fouzdari Ahilkar, Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., throughout the year.

64. *Jail buildings.*—All the thatched houses of the Jail were kept in order during the year.

65. *Jail population.*—The year opened with a Jail population of 97 prisoners and 245 prisoners of all classes were admitted into the Jail during the year under report as compared with 304 in the previous year shewing a decrease of 57. Of the total number admitted, 1 was lunatic, 5 were Civil, 108 under-trials and 133 convicts as compared with 2 lunatics, 4 Civil, 102 under-trials and 196 convicts in 1915-16. The total number of prisoners of all classes left in the Jail at the end of the year was 98. The daily average number of prisoners of all classes was 94.76 as compared with 103.02 in the previous year.

66. *Disposal of prisoners.*—The total number of prisoners of all classes discharged during the year was 244 against 303 in the previous year. Of the total number discharged, 228 were released including those convicted from under-trial Ward, 14 were transferred and 2 died. Of the 228 prisoners who were released, 128 were convicts, 95 under-trials, 4 civil and 1 lunatic as compared with 189 convicts, 100 under-trials, 4 civil and 3 lunatics in the previous year. Of the 128 convicts released during the year, 98 were released on expiry of sentence, 17 on bail and appeal, 4 on payment of fine, 1 on account of sickness, 4 on remission of sentence under the mark system and 4 were released by special order of Your Highness. Of these 4 prisoners, 3 were liberated in honour of the Birthday of Your Highness and 1 was set at liberty as a special case on his applying for mercy. This man was Jamaluddin Shaik who was convicted for 1 year in the Palace theft case. The 14 prisoners shown as transferred includes 2 convicts and 12 under-trials. Of the 2 convicts, 1 sentenced for life was transferred to the Presidency Jail for deportation to the Andamans and the other was an ordinary convict who was transferred to the Jalpaiguri Jail for judicial purpose. Of the 12 under-trials, 2 were transferred to Jalpaiguri, 3 to Dinajpur, 1 to Dinahata, 1 to Serajgunj, 1 to Mathabhanga, 1 to Mekligunj and 3 to Dhubri for trial.

67. *Reconviction.*—The number of reconvicted prisoners admitted into the Jail during the year was 6 as compared with 5 in the previous year.

68. *Detention of under-trial prisoners.*—The average period of detention of under-trial prisoners during the year was 20.34 days against 21.61 days in the previous year. The longest period of detention in Sessions cases was 4 months and 6 days against 3 months and 15 days in 1915-16, and in cases tried by Magistrates' Courts 4 months and 9 days against 23 days in the previous year. The shortest period of detention in cases tried by Magistrates' and Sessions Court were 1 and 24 days respectively. The average period of detention of under-trial prisoners tried by different Courts is shown below:—

(a)	Average period of detention in Sessions cases ...	..	37.33 days.
(b)	Ditto ditto in cases tried by Fouzdari Ahilkar..	..	12.76 "
(c)	Ditto ditto ditto tried by Sudder Naib Ahilkar	..	15.56 "
(d)	Ditto ditto ditto tried by Naib Ahilkar in charge of Treasury ...	...	15.71 "

69. The following statement will show the percentage of under-trial prisoners convicted and released out of the total number tried during the year as compared with 1914-15 and 1915-16:—

Description.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
Number of under-trial prisoners whose cases were tried and disposed of ...	79	85	97
Number of under-trial prisoners convicted ...	33	57	42
Number of under-trial prisoners released ...	46	28	55
Percentage of conviction ...	41.77	67.05	43.29
Percentage of release ...	58.22	32.94	56.70

70. *Classification of convicts in connection with their religion.*—The following statement will show the number of Hindu and Mahomedan convicts and those of their denominations admitted during the year and their percentages as compared with the figures for 1914-15 and 1915-16 :—

Description	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
ADMISSION.—Hindus	106	120	80
Mahomedans	53	71	51
Other Denomination	4	5	2
PERCENTAGE.—Hindus	64.24	61.22	60.15
Mahomedans	33.33	36.22	38.34
Other denomination	2.42	2.04	1.50
ADMISSION.—Native of the State	142	130	111
Foreigners	23	66	22
Juvenile	2	.....	2
Female	6	6	4
PERCENTAGE.—Native of the State	86.06	66.32	83.45
Foreigners	13.93	33.67	17.29
Juvenile	1.21	.....	1.50
Female	3.63	3.06	3.00

71. The statement given below shows the length of sentences passed on the convicts who were admitted into the Jail during the year as compared with the previous year :—

Description.	1915-16.		1916-17.	
	Admission.	Percentage.	Admission.	Percentage.
Not exceeding 1 month	31	15.81	21	15.78
Above one month but not exceeding 3 months.	71	36.22	48	36.09
Above 3 months but not exceeding 6 months	47	23.97	30	22.55
Above 6 months but not exceeding 1 year	19	9.69	21	15.78
Above one year but not exceeding 2 years	9	4.59	8	6.00
Above 2 years but not exceeding 5 years	4	2.04	1	0.75
Above 5 years but not exceeding 10 years.	12	6.12	4	3.00
Above 10 years ... ..	...	.....	.....	.....
Transportation for a term ... ..	...	.....	.....	.....
Transportation for life	3	1.53	...	.....

72. *Conduct of prisoners.*—The table below gives details of the offences committed by convicts and punishment inflicted on them during the year as compared with 1915-16 :—

OFFENCES COMMITTED.—			1915-16.	1916-17.
Relating to work ... ..	...	...	47	16
„ to forbidden articles ... ..	...	...	52	40
„ to assault &c. ... ..	...	...	...	7
„ to other breaches of Jail rules ..	...	...	27	62
Total	...	...	126	125
PUNISHMENT INFLICTED.—			1915-16.	1916-17.
Corporal punishment ... ..	...	...	7	5
Forfeiture of marks ... ..	...	...	7	13
Degradation from higher to lower rank	...	...	2	5
Hand-cuffing to staple ... ..	...	...	29	28
Night hand-cuff ... ..	...	...	...	...
Bar fetters ... ..	...	...	...	...
Cross bar fetters ... ..	...	...	5	6
Penal diet ... ..	...	...	10	10
Hard labour ... ..	...	...	4	15
Gunny suit ... ..	...	...	1	1
Solitary cell ... ..	...	...	1	2
Warnings ... ..	...	...	60	40
Total	...	...	126	125

73. *Mark system.*—The number of prisoners released under the mark system during the year was 4 against 14 in the previous year. The following table shows details of those released during the year:—

NAMES OF PRISONERS.—	Crime.	Period of sentence.			Period of sentence remitted.			Date of release.		
		Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.
1. 1491 Laljan Sandar ...	Sec. 395 I.P.C.	7	0	0	0	5	14	29	4	16
2. 1508 Dhepri Dasya ...	„ 302 I.P.C.	7	0	0	0	11	8	28	10	16
3. 2196 Din Doyal Bairagi ...	„ 406 I.P.C.	2	0	0	0	2	16	5	12	16
4. 1774 Nabin Das ...	„ 304 I.P.C.	5	0	0	0	6.	9	2	2	17

74. *Female convicts.*—During the year under report 4 female convicts were admitted into the Jail against 6 in the previous year. Their daily average number was 3·80 as compared with 5·65 in the preceding year.

75. *Juvenile offenders.*—Two juvenile offenders were admitted into the Jail during the year, while there were no admissions of this class of prisoners into the Jail in the past year.

76. *Convict warders.*—The convict warders perform the duties of Overseers, night watchman and night guard in addition to their duties connected with out-door work such as carrying messages &c. There were 20 punishments among them against 15 in the previous year. They worked hard and behaved fairly well during the year.

77. *Civil prisoners.*—The number of Civil prisoners admitted into the Jail during the year was 5 as compared with 4 in the previous year and the number released was 4 against the same number in 1915-16. Their daily average number was 30 against 31 in the previous year.

78. *Lunatics.*—The number of lunatics at the beginning of the year was 1 and 1 was admitted during the year making a total of 2, of whom 1 was released leaving 1 in the Jail at the end of the year. No lunatics were transferred during the year to the Berhampur Lunatic Asylum. Their daily average number was 1·07 as compared with 67 in the previous year. Rs. 544 was paid to the Superintendent of the Berhampur Lunatic Asylum during the year as maintenance allowance of the lunatics of this State already confined in his Asylum in which there are 3 such lunatics at present.

79. *Maintenance charge of transportation prisoners at Port Blair.*—During the year under report Rs. 897-0-8 was paid to the British Government for the maintenance of 9 transportation convicts of this State confined in Port Blair at the rate of Rs. 100 per head yearly.

80. *Employment of prisoners.*—The industries carried on in the Jail during the year were:—

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Grinding wheat. | 6. Crushed food. |
| 2. Making oil. | 7. Bamboo work. |
| 3. Weaving gunny cloth. | 8. Making Aerated water. |
| 4. Weaving Durree, &c. | 9. Tapping date trees. |
| 5. Making jute string. | 10. Gardening. |
| | 11. Carpentry. |

Prisoners were also employed in Jail Dairy, in repairing Jail buildings and in ordinary prison duties. Outside the Jail precincts, they were employed in extra-mural work by the State as well as by private individuals. The following table shows the daily average number of labouring convicts employed during the year in different works:—

1. Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed in making articles for Jail use ...	...	...	15·39
2. Repairs to Jail ...	...	...	7·00
3. The Palace and its garden ...	...	...	3·67
4. Working for hire ...	...	...	11·16
5. Jail garden ...	...	...	4·90
6. Jail manufactures ...	...	...	21·84

81. *Earnings.*—The actual earnings of the year are shown in the following table:—

	Rs.	As.	P.
Cash in hand on 31st March 1916	...	...	1 8 6
Value of manufactured articles in hand on 31st March 1916	493	6	3
Value of raw materials in hand on 31st March 1916	...	3,091	12 3
Value of stock, plant and tools in hand on 31st March 1916	2,512	8	3
Amount of outstanding bills on 31st March 1916	...	2,611	11 0
Amount drawn from Treasury during the year for raw materials &c.	...	...	18,388 3 9
Total Debits	27,099	2	0
Amount paid into the Treasury during the year	...	21,307	14 0
Cash in hand on 31st March 1917	...	...	.....
Value of manufactured articles in hand on 31st March 1917	631	5	9
Value of raw materials in hand on 31st March 1917	...	3,043	3 9
Value of stock, plant and tools in hand on 31st March 1917	2,737	13	0
Amount of outstanding bills on 31st March 1917	...	2,806	0 6
Total Credits	30,526	5	0
Difference or profit	...	3,427	3 0
Yearly average earning per head of those under sentence of labour	...	...	46 10 6
Do. of those actually employed in manufacture and extra-mural labour	...	105	7 2

82. A statement showing the income and expenditure on account of manufacture of crushed-food, aerated waters and mustard oil is given below:—

CRUSHED-FOOD.	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Sale proceeds of crushed-food sold during the year...	13,854	14	6
2. Amount spent on raw materials	...	13,043	6 0
Difference or profit	...	811	8 6

AERATED WATERS.	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Capital cost	...	783	0 0
2. Recurring expense	...	1,057	3 0
3. 10 per cent. depreciation on capital cost	...	78	4 9
Total expenditure	...	1,135	7 9
4. Sale proceeds of Aerated waters	...	1,357	1 6
Difference or profit	...	221	9 9

MUSTARD OIL.	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Sale proceeds of oil and oil-cake sold during the year	...	3,169	8 9
2. Amount spent on raw materials &c.	...	2,363	6 0
Difference or profit	...	806	2 9

83. *Remittance to Treasury.*—Rs. 21,307-14-0 was paid into the Treasury during the year as compared with Rs. 23,417-3-0 in the previous year shewing a decrease of Rs. 2,139-5-0 in the receipt during the year. The decrease is mainly due to the fact that the rates of crushed-food and mustard-oil sold during the year were lower than that in the previous year. The question of revising the selling rates was under consideration at the close of the year.

84. *Gardening*.—The garden was cultivated properly during the year as usual. Plenty of cold weather vegetables were grown. The sale proceeds of garden produce during the year amounted to Rs. 468-0-9 as compared with Rs. 682-3-9 in the previous year. The decrease is explained by the fact that firstly the garden had to be cultivated late this year on account of very heavy and late rains of the year and secondly almost all the vegetables in the garden were destroyed by the tremendous fall of hail-stones in February 1917 when they were in a very flourishing condition.

85. *The gross estimated earnings*.—The gross estimated earnings of the prisoners for 1915-16 and 1916-17 are compared in the following table:—

Description	1915-16.		1916-17.	
	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.
Jail servants including Convict Warder and those employed in preparing articles for Jail use	1,503	12	1,404	4
Prisoners employed in Jail repairs ...	530	0	639	4
Do. Do. in the Palace and its garden	326	0	335	4
Do. Do. hired out ...	1,146	4	1,018	8
Do. Do. in Jail garden	538	4	447	8
Do. Do. in manufactures	2,335	0	1,947	8
Total	6,379	4	5,792	4

86. *Net earnings*.—The net earnings of the prisoners employed in work during the year amounted to Rs. 3,403-8-0 as compared with Rs. 4,019-8-0 in 1915-16. The decrease is due to decreased population of the year.

87. *Expenditure (Cost of the Jail)*.—The following table gives the gross and net cost of the Jail for the year 1915-16 and 1916-17 together with the gross and net average cost for maintaining each prisoner respectively:—

Heads of charges.	1915-16.			1916-17.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment... ..	4,090	7	8	5,103	0	0
Feeding charges	5,015	0	0	4,606	10	4
Contingencies including Hospital charges	1,580	5	0	1,608	5	2
Clothing and bedding	887	5	0	1,305	6	0
Building and repairs	2,165	14	0	649	1	9
Travelling allowance	6	13	0	.....	
Gross cost	13,745	12	8	13,272	7	3
Deduct earning	6,379	4	0	5,792	4	0
Net cost	7,366	8	8	7,480	3	3
Average gross cost of each prisoner ...	133	6	8	140	1	0
Average net cost of each prisoner ...	75	2	8	78	14	10

88. The average prices paid for the principal articles of diet are shown below:—

	Rs.	As.	P.
Rice	4	8	6
Dal	5	6	0
Atta	7	8	0
Mustard oil	19	6	0
Salt	3	12	0
Meat	25	0	0
Fish	19	4	0
Dahi	8	0	0

89. The statement given below compares details of gross cost of each prisoner irrespective of his earnings during the year 1915-16 and 1916-17 :—

Heads of charges.	1915-16.			1916-17.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment ...	39	11	4	53	13	7
Feeding charges ...	48	11	0	48	9	9
Contingencies including Hospital charges...	15	5	5 ^c	13	15	6
Clothing and bedding ...	8	9	9	13	12	4
Building and repairs ...	21	0	5	6	13	7
Travelling allowance ...	0	1	0	.....	

VITAL STATISTICS.

90. *Health of the prisoners.*—The general health of the prisoners during the year was good. The total number of prisoners admitted into the Hospital was 86 as compared with 102 in 1915-16. The daily average number of sick prisoners was 1·80 against 1·63 in 1915-16. There were 2 deaths viz., one from fever and the other from Gangrene of scrotum, among the prisoners during the year, while there was none in the previous year. The daily average number of prisoners kept under medical observation and in convalescent gang was 2·16 against 4·40 in 1915-16. The drinking water was obtained throughout the year from a masonry well inside the Jail. The water is thoroughly boiled and cooled before distributing to the prisoners. The well is disinfected with Permanganate of Potas every 3 months or oftener when necessary. The Civil Surgeon on his daily visit to Jail examines the drinking water and the articles of food cooked and uncooked.

91. *Cattle breeding.*—The number of cows served during the year was 92 against 131 in the previous year. The expenditure incurred for the keep and feed of breeding bulls is borne by the Revenue Department under the Dewan of the State.

During the year under report the Jail was visited by the Vice-President of the State Council in the General Department of the State, the Civil and Sessions Judge besides the daily visit paid by the Fouzdari Ahilkar and the Civil Surgeon.

92. *Conduct of Officers.*—Babu Gopal Chandra Mukherjee, Jailor, was on combined leave and away from Cooch Behar from 1st April to 7th August 1916 during which time Babu Hara Nath Sarkar, Jail Clerk officiated for him. He returned to duty in the forenoon of the 8th August 1916 and held the charge of his office from that day to 31st March 1917.

Babu Hara Nath Sarkar, Jail Clerk, was attached to the Jail office throughout the year of which he was Officiating Jailor from 1st April to 7th August 1916 and for the remaining months of the year he was Clerk.

Babu Basanta Kumar Chatterjee, Store-keeper acted as Clerk from 1st April to 7th August 1916 and was Store-keeper for the remaining months of the year.

All those officers discharged their duties satisfactorily.

93. *Warder Guard.*—The new scheme of the Warder Guard sanctioned by Your Highness in Council in No. 1120 dated the 3rd February 1916 forwarded with State Superintendent's Memo. No. 2924 of 5th February 1916, was introduced on 1st April 1916. It has worked satisfactorily throughout the year. Only 8 men extra have been entertained over the number of Warders that existed before to make up the full number of Warders replacing the Police Guard consisting of 12 Constables, 1 Lance Corporal and 1 Head Constable. Difficulty is, however, being experienced in obtaining good men for the Warder Guard on Rs. 9 per month seeing that men are recruited in the Military and Police Departments on Rs. 10 and Rs. 9 per month where there are better prospects with lighter duties. The result is we generally get for our Warder Guard persons rejected by those departments either for bad physique or for other defect.

94. Statements D. E. F. G. H. I. J. and K. are appended hereto.

95. *Lock-ups (Sub-Jails).*—Three hundred and thirty-one prisoners of all classes were admitted into the 4 Lock-ups during the year. This number together with that (14) left in the Lock-ups at the end of the previous year gives a total of 345. Out of this number 100 were transferred to the Sudder Jail and 232 discharged leaving 13 in the Lock-ups at the close of the year.

96. The following table shows the disposal of prisoners in the Lock-ups during the year 1915-16 and 1916-17 :—

		PARTICULARS.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Died ...	{ 1915-16	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1916-17	.....	.....	.....	.....
Escaped ...	{ 1915-16	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1916-17	.....	.....	.....	.....
Released ...	{ 1915-16	42	73	92	87
	{ 1916-17	59	90	47	36
Transferred	{ 1915-16	29	48	28	28
	{ 1916-17	33	45	10	12

97. The comparative table given below shows gross earning of each of the Lock-ups for the year 1915-16 and 1916-17 :—

		Names of Lock-ups.											
		Dinhata.			Mathabhanga.			Mekligunj.			Tufangunj.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Gross earnings on account of in-door and out-door works.	1915-16	20	10	0	34	11	0	70	8	0	19	11	0
	1916-17	25	1	6	18	2	0	30	4	0	24	0	0

98. The following comparative table shows cost of each of the Lock-ups and also of each prisoner in 1915-16 and 1916-17.

		Names of Lock-ups.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Daily average No. of prisoners	1915-16 ...	507	208	1006	283
	1916-17 ...	339	219	271	163
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gross cost of each Lock-up	1915-16 ...	554 18 7	365 5 8	921 0 2	383 13 7
	1916-17 ...	421 4 9	328 4 0	319 5 9	239 12 11
Average gross cost per prisoner	1915-16 ...	110 15 6	121 12 6	83 11 7	111 4 6
	1916-17 ...	124 4 4	159 5 6	117 13 5	132 6 4

99. *Inspection of the Lock-ups.*—During the year under report the Lock-ups were, as usual, frequently visited by their respective Officers-in-charge. They were also visited by the Fouzdari Ahilkar and other touring officers.

The Rydak river has been cutting nearer and nearer to the site of Tufangunj Jail for years and its destructive progress is being keenly watched with a view to removing the Lock-up to a safe side when this appears necessary.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

100. Mr. K. C. Nandi was incharge of the Department throughout the year. He was absent for 3 months when Mr. N. N. Roy was incharge of this Department.

101. As in previous years the report has been divided into the following 6 sections, viz.—

- I. Public Works Department Ordinary.
- II. Palace Public Works Department.
- III. Communication Improvement Fund.
- IV. Contribution Works.
- V. Establishment.
- VI. Chaklajat Public Works Department.

SECTION I.—P. W. D. ORDINARY.

102. The original grant for the year under this section was Rs. 81,786 which was increased to Rs. 1,15,368. The increment was due to installation of Electric Light and some additional items in the Revised Budget for the year under report.

103. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,06,968, against Rs. 67,235* of the previous year. Statements appended herewith will show the details of expenditure under different heads.

104. The total receipts amounted to Rs. 7,522, against Rs. 8,170 of the previous year. The decrease is due to reduced number of State Carts maintained during the year under report.

105. The expenditure under Section I has been sub-divided into :—

- (i) Original Works.
- (ii) Repairs.

106. (i) *Original works*.—The total expenditure on original works was Rs. 31,084 against Rs. 11,543 of the previous year.

107. The original works executed during the year under report are briefly described as follows :—

Carmichael Ward in Sudder.—It is a continuation work. It has been completed during the year under report pending final adjustments, which are being made in the current year. A separate provision for which will be applied for in due course. The total expenditure under this work to end of the year was Rs. 33,037 against the full provision of Rs. 35,567. This Ward has been opened by His Excellency the Governor of Bengal on the 15th February last.

Changing Posts and fitting rails of Pheelkhana.—These works could not be completed for want of suitable posts in due time. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 147 against the provision of Rs. 500. A separate provision will have to be made in the Revised Budget for the current year to complete the job.

Improvement of Accountant-General's Quarters (Late Kedar Babu's House).—The work was done by Mr. S. Ghose, Accountant-General of the State, himself. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs. 1,208 against the provision of Rs. 1,200.

Mahuts' shed at Mekligunj.—This work could not be completed for want of Corrugated iron sheets in due time, a separate provision will be required in the Revised Budget for the current year for the completion of the job. The expenditure under this head was Rs. 98 against Rs. 200 at the end of March 1917.

Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur of Cooch Behar.—This work is being done by the Secretary himself. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 10,500 against the provision of Rs. 10,500.

Renewal of Corrugated Iron Sheets of the Kitchen of Naib Ahikar's Quarters at Mathabhanga.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 239 against the provision of Rs. 150. The excess is due to the high prices of Corrugated iron sheets. The excess expenditure was met by re-appropriation statement.

Reconstructing a Baihakkhana in the Naib Ahikar's Quarters at Mathabhanga.—A new Corrugated iron shed has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,146 against the provision of Rs. 2,064. The excesses were met by re-appropriation statements.

Barracks for Constables in Cooch Behar Railway Station.—A sum of Rs. 1,455 was provided in the Revised Budget for the year under

* The figures given here are correct. Those given in the printed Annual Report for 1915-16 are wrong through oversight.

report for the construction of Barracks. It was contemplated that this work would be done by the Railway Company and that this Department would simply pay the amount on receipt of the bill from them. But at the end of the financial year this sum was placed in the deposit account of this Department instead of being allowed to lapse as no bill or requisition was received from the Railway Company.

Grain Godown in Sudder Jail.—A Godown with Corrugated iron roofing has been sanctioned to be constructed in the Sudder Jail at a cost of Rs 1,420. Out of this sum Rs. 400 was provided in the Revised Budget for the year under report. Total expenditure under this head was Rs. 343 against the aforesaid provision. The balance of the estimated amount has been provided in the current year's budget.

Corrugated iron sheet covering and wooden railing for the Platform of the passage to the Latrine of the Carmichael Ward.—This work has been completed and incorporated in the head "Carmichael Ward in Sudder Dispensary" mentioned above.

Manufacture of Tiles.—For experimental purposes Rs. 250 were provided under this head out of which Rs. 203 has been expended in the year under report.

Providing glazed Tiled Dados in Carmichael Ward.—Some of the rooms of the Carmichael Ward were provided with glazed tiled Dados. Total expenditure under this head was Rs. 2,097 against the provision of Rs. 2,151 in the year under review.

Forests in general.—A list of Forests in the State maintained by this Department is annexed herewith. All the Forests mentioned therein were maintained according to the particular needs of each. The total cost was Rs 459 against the annual provision of Rs. 450. The excess has been met from the general savings of the Department :—

Lists of Forests in the Cooh Behar State.

Serial No.	Locality.	Class of Forests.	Natural or cultural.	Areas.		
				B.	K.	Ch.
1.	Nilkuty ...	Sisoo.	Cultural.	125	0	0
2.	Do. ...	Do.	Do.	121	0	0
3.	Do. ...	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
4.	Peelkhana ...	Do.	Do.	0	18	0
5.	Charakerkuty ...	Do.	Do.	585	6	12
6.	Ghegirghat Natuarpar ...	Do.	Do.	300	1	18
7.	Nababganj Balasi ...	Do.	Do.	178	13	7
8.	Torsa Char Forest ...	Do.	Natural.	17	0	4
9.	Kholta ...	Do.	Cultural.	8	0	0
10.	Bogribari ...	Do.	Do.	10	0	0
11.	Gossanimari ...	Sal.	Natural.	67	0	0
12.	Jigabari ..	Do.	Do.	1	15	0
13.	Natabari (Charaljani) ...	Do.	Do.	57	0	0
14.	Charan Sathalee ...	Do.	Do.	67	0	0
15.	Chota Salbari ...	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
16.	Bara Salbari ...	Do.	Do.	50	0	0
17.	Nilkuty ...	Do.	Cultural.	1	0	0
18.	Do. ...	Do.	Do.	7	0	0
19.	Mathbhanga Balarhat ...	Do.	Natural.	38	15	0
20.	Teldhar Bodeswary ...	Do.	Do.	261	2	0
21.	Garati ...	Do.	Do.	124	0	0
22.	Nilkuty ...	Teak.	Cultural.	3	0	0
23.	Peelkhana ...	Do.	Do.	2	5	0
24.	Dowaguri ...	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
25.	Nilkuty ...	Do.	Do.	8	2	0
26.	Talliguri ...	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
27.	Kholta ...	Do.	Do.	6	0	0
Total ...				2050	19	9

Planting and Protecting Trees.—A large number of new plants were planted and old plants were enclosed with Bamboo enclosures at a cost of Rs. 900.

108. *Repairs.*—The subjoined statement will show the expenditure on repairs for the last 3 years. The total expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 31,844 against the provision of Rs. 33,139 :—

Class of buildings.	Expenditure for 1914-15.			Expenditure for 1915-16.			Expenditure for 1916-17.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Private Residences ...	3,797	1,063	4,860	4,217	895	5,112	4,635	1,503	6,138
II. Court Houses ...	967	1,262	2,229	792	1,193	1,985	926	763	1,689
III. Medical ...	1,277	47	1,324	1,128	252	1,380	1,123	470	1,593
IV. Educational ...	1,792	535	2,327	1,076	445	1,521	1,172	391	1,563
V. Police and Military ...	377	.....	377	385	89	474	437	145	582
VI. Government Offices—Post & Telegraph Offices &c. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	52	.....	.....	.....
VII. Public Works ...	321	.....	321	232	.....	232	293	199	492
VIII. Dâk-Bungalows ...	771	.....	771	837	.....	837	1,180	78	1,258
IX. Religious and Ecclesiastical.	1,806	29	1,835	1,485	272	1,757	1,459	118	1,577
X. Jail and Lock-ups ...	251	102	353	261	284	546	210	152	362
XI. Miscellaneous ...	1,574	404	1,978	2,014	430	2,444	1,161	844	1,505
XII. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	1,616	.....	1,616	1,471	.....	1,471	1,315	.....	1,315
XIII. Electrical Department ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,770	...	13,770
Total ...	14,549	3,442	17,991	13,829	3,912	17,811	27,681	4,163	31,844

Private Residences.—General repairs were done to the quarters of high officials of the State including those of the Assistant Surgeon and of the Dewan of the State.

Court Houses.—The Court houses and State Offices both in Sudder and in Sudder Sub-divisions were repaired according to the particular needs of each.

Medical.—General repairs were done to Dispensaries both in Sudder and in Mofussil.

Education.—General repairs were done to Victoria College, Jenkins School, Sudder Boarding houses and School buildings at Dinhat and Mathabhanga with their boarding houses.

Police and Military.—Only ordinary annual repairs were executed.

Public Works.—General repairs were done during the year.

Dâk-Bungalows.—The Sudder Dâk-Bungalow and Mofussil Rest-houses had ordinary annual repairs.

Religious and Ecclesiastical.—The New Dispensation Church and Sudder and Mofussil Temples had general repairs.

Jail and Lock-ups.—General repairs were done to Sudder and Mofussil Jails and Lock-ups.

Miscellaneous.—Pheelkhana and Native Guest Houses, etc., were generally repaired.

Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—Tanks and Wells in Mofussil and Polo-Ground at Nilkuti maintained by this Department were generally repaired. 11 Tube-wells were issued to private parties on Hire Purchase System on the recommendation of the Fouzdari Ahilkar and petty repairs to those wells were done during the year under report.

Tools and Plants.—The under-mentioned Tools and Plants were purchased during the year at a cost of Rs. 1,053 against the provision of Rs. 900. Repairs to Tools and Plants were done at a cost of Rs. 780 against the provision of Rs. 1,000.

Maintenance of State Carts.—4,419 days' work performed by the State Carts during the year under report and 1,223 days' works were lost either owing to illness of the bullocks or for lack of employment. There were $10\frac{1}{2}$ pairs of bullocks at the close of the year. The condition of the bullocks was generally good during the year.

Artizan School.—Work to the value of Rs. 16,208 was turned out by the Artizan School. Out of this, Rs. 13,832 was State work and Rs. 2,376 work for private parties. Rs. 3,652 could not be realised during the year and had to be kept unadjusted.

List of Tools and Plant purchased during the year under report.

	Nos.
Manila rope 4' cir : 1 coil.	
Chesterman Metallic Tapes	... 50' 6
Do. Do. ...	... 100' 3
Stanby Super Drawing pen lift	... 1
B. W. 10710 Plotting Scale 12	... 1
Stanby 40 x 40 Plotting Scale	... 2
Do. 50 x 50 Do.	... 1
Harling 60 x 60 Do.	... 1

109. *Electrical Department.*—A sum of Rs. 22,346 was provided in the Revised Budget for this Department for Electrical work to be executed under the direct control of the Electrical Engineer. The total cost under this head was Rs. 20,052 against the aforesaid provision. The Electrical Department has been constituted a separate Department from the beginning of the current year.

SECTION II.—PALACE.

110. *Budget.*—The original grant for the year under report was Rs. 75,442 and it was increased to Rs. 1,21,700 in the Revised Budget owing to certain additional works. The actual expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 1,15,229 against Rs. 75,045 of the previous year *vide* statements enclosed.

The Palace Public Works Department has been sub-divided into 3 main heads:—

- I. Cooch Behar Palace.
- II. Woodlands.
- III. Darjeeling.

I.—COOCH BEHAR PALACE.

111. *Original works.*—The original works executed during the year under this section is described as follows:—

Electric Light in the Palace.—Rs. 10,547 was paid to the French Motor Car Company through the Dewan of the State, against the provision of Rs. 10,547.

Game Reserve Forest.—The provision has been greatly reduced in comparison with that of the previous years. Only general maintenance was done at a total cost of Rs. 415 against the provision of Rs. 600.

Ground and Garden.—The original grant under this head was Rs. 6,000 and it was increased to Rs. 6,750 in the Revised Budget on account of entertainment of a Gardener and a Supervisor of the Garden Establishment. Rs. 6,736* was expended against the provision of Rs. 6,650. The excesses were met from the general savings of the Palace.

Samadhi of His late Highness Raj Rajendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur.—There was no original grant for this work. Rs. 2,300 was provided in the Revised Budget to complete the work but this was done at a cost of Rs. 1,490.

Dynamo house with out-houses in the Palace Compound.—The original grant under this head was Rs. 6,333, but afterwards it was thought necessary to construct some out-houses sanctioned later. The provision was increased to Rs. 16,018 in the Revised Budget. The work was completed during the year under report, but final adjustments were not made. Total expenditure during the year was Rs. 12,744 against the provision of Rs. 16,018. The balance will have to be provided in the Revised Budget for the current year for final adjustment.

Sanitary Installation.—Rs. 27,109 were provided in the original Budget to pay off the dues of Messrs Incell and Silk. Out of this provision Rs. 20,000 were paid to them. Some objections were raised by this Department regarding the execution of the work, hence the balance of Rs. 7,109 was kept back pending final decision by the Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur to whom the matter was referred. The balance Rs. 7,109 has been kept in Miscellaneous Deposit instead of being allowed to lapse.

Thatched shed over Samadhi of His late Highness Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur.—A provision of Rs. 258 has been provided in the Revised Budget for the year under report to complete the job at the same cost.

Electric Installation in the Palace connecting Westing House Plants.—Rs. 10,000 were provided in the Revised Budget to meet the cost of this item. Rs. 9,869 were expended during the year under report.

Two Bath-rooms in the Palace.—The provision under this head was made in the Revised Budget. The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 5,860 against the provision of Rs. 5,860.

Purchase and repairs to furniture of the Palace.—There was no provision under this head in the original grant. Provision was made in the Revised Budget and the work was done at a cost of Rs. 594 against the provision of Rs. 600.

Foundation of Pump Engine.—A concrete bed was constructed at a cost of Rs. 100 which had been provided in the Revised Budget.

Repairs to Palace and connected buildings.—General repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 12,192 against the provision of Rs. 12,400 the details of which were shewn in the statement submitted herewith.

II.—WOODLANDS.—Original Works.

112. *Re-wiring the Electrical Installation of Woodlands.*—A separate provision for this work was made in the Revised Budget for the year under report and the work was done at a cost of Rs. 1,935 against the provision of Rs. 2,000 under the supervision of the Electrical Engineer of the State.

113. *Repairs to Woodlands &c.*—General repairs were done, the details of which were shown in the Statement submitted herewith.

III.—COLINTON AND ULICK VILLAS &c.

114. There was no original work in the Estate. Simple repairs &c. were done, the details were shown in the Statement submitted herewith.

115. The following tabular statement will show the total expenditure under different heads of Palaces as compared with those of the two previous years :—

Tabular Statement of Expenditures under Palace.

Name of Palace.	Expenditure in 1914-15.			Expenditure in 1915-16.			Expenditure in 1916-17.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Palace, Cooch Behar ...	11,315	...	11,315	11,070	542	11,612	11,851	341	12,192
II.— „ Woodlands ...	5,333	441	5,774	4,351	146	4,497	5,617	...	5,617
III.— „ Darjeeling ...	4,527	...	4,527	6,294	228	6,522	2,218	358	2,576
Total ...	21,175	441	21,616	21,715	916	22,631	19,686	699	20,385

SECTION III.—COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

116. *Budget.*—The original grant of the Communication Improvement Fund Budget was Rs. 42,715 and this was increased to Rs. 48,642, owing to some additional grants provided in the Revised Budget for the year under report.

The total expenditure in this section amounted to Rs. 43,858 against the provision of Rs. 48,642, leaving a balance of Rs. 4,784 refunded into the Treasury.

The receipts of the year under report were Rs. 187 against Rs. 663 of the previous year.

The Communication Improvement Fund works have been sub-divided into 2 heads *viz* :—

- (1) Original Works.
- (2) Repairs &c.

(1.) *Original Works.*—The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 9,386 against Rs. 10,967 of the previous year. The original works executed during the year under report are briefly described as follows :—

Improvement of Jamalduha Road.—It was a continuation work. The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 6,198 against the estimated amount of Rs. 6,000. The excesses were met from the general savings of the Communication Improvement Fund.

Survey of new road alignment.—The original grant under this head was Rs. 400 to entertain a Surveyor during the year under report, but no importance turned up to entertain a Surveyor—hence the provision was reduced to Rs. 20 against which only Rs. 7 were expended.

Forty-sixth mile bridge on Emigration Road.—It is an important bridge under Communication Improvement Fund. The first project was altered, a Revised Estimate was submitted and sanctioned accordingly by the authorities. The work of this bridge is still in progress. Rs. 7,558 were expended during the year under report, against the provision of Rs. 7,232. The excesses were met from the general savings of the Communication Improvement Fund.

Raising road from Haldibari to Dewanganj.—This portion of the road has been raised. The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 837 against the provision of Rs. 800. The excesses were met from the general savings of Communication Improvement Fund.

C. I. Culvert in Taluk Lotapatha.—Nothing was originally provided for this work. The provision was made in the Revised Budget. A culvert had been put in at a cost of Rs. 174 against the provision of Rs. 130. The excesses were met from the general savings of Communication Improvement Fund.

117. *Repairs*—The statement appended hereto will show Mileage of Roads in the State under this Department with other details. The expenditure incurred on each road has been shown in statement O. The statement P gives details of works done on each road. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 33,203 against Rs. 30,267 of the previous year.

SECTION IV.—CONTRIBUTION WORKS.

118. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 11,813 against Rs. 41,091 of the previous year *vide* Statement appended hereto.

The followings are the principal items of expenditure:—

Anti-cholera Scheme.—The demand for pucca wells has been almost satisfied and no further pucca wells were requisitioned during the year under report. Rs. 862 were adjusted during the year only for making platforms of some pucca wells and sinking tube wells in Cholera affected places and taking them out.

Latrine and Urinals attached to Mekligunj H. E. School.—This was a continuation work. The work had been completed but its final adjustment was made during the year under report. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 232 during the year under report.

H. E. School at Tufangunj.—A continuation work, completed during the year under report. Rs. 2,933 were adjusted during the year.

Constructing the N. N. Memorial Hall.—The sum of Rs. 94 was adjusted during the year for the laying of the foundation stone of this building.

Pucca house at Debibari.—A continuation work. Rs. 475 were adjusted during the year under report. The work has been completed at a total cost of Rs. 10,798 against the estimate of Rs. 10,807.

Certain works in connection with College Laboratory.—Certain works were done on the requisition of the Principal of Victoria College. Funds were placed in favour of this Department by him. Rs. 449 were expended against the estimated amount of Rs. 494.

Pucca well at Dinhata School Boarding.—This was contributed by the Secretary to H. E. School, Dinhata. He has placed the estimated cost of Rs. 807 in favour of this Department. The work has been completed at a cost of Rs. 803.

Excavating a tank north of road joining Daltan Street and Ahmuty Road.—The work was carried out from the contribution, partly made by Municipality and partly by Public Works Department. Rs. 269 were adjusted against the estimated cost of Rs. 301 during the year under report.

Two additional rooms attached to the Tufangunj H. E. School.—Two additional rooms were proposed to be constructed having felt the insufficiency of the rooms in the main building. The estimated amount of Rs. 2,552 was contributed by the Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj for the construction. Rs. 2,207 were expended during the year under report.

Additional rooms for the Dinhata Boarding House.—This work was taken in hand on the requisition of the Secretary to H. E. School who contributed the estimated cost of Rs. 1,617 in favour of this Department. Rs. 1,256 were adjusted during the year under report.

N. N. Memorial Hall at Mekligunj.—A new Memorial Hall is going to be constructed at Mekligunj at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,865. The Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj, has placed the full amount of the estimate at the disposal of this Department. The foundation stone has been laid by His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur in February 1916. The work is in progress. Total expenditure under this head was Rs. 644 during the year under report.

Minor Contribution works.—There were some works done during the year under report. The details were shewn in statement "N".

SECTION V.—ESTABLISHMENT.

119. *Establishment.*—The following establishment was maintained during the year under review :—

	Rs.
Public Works, Ordinary	30,088
Do. Do. Electric Department	6,282
Artisan School	1,356
Chaklajat	941
Palace :—	
Cooch Behar	893
Woodlands	1,278
Darjeeling	1,011
Total	41,849

This sum was contributed by Funds as under :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department including Artisan School and Electrical Department.	39,725
Palace—	
Cooch Behar	924
Woodlands	1,210
Darjeeling	1,238
Chaklajat	1,182
Total	44,279

With the aid of this establishment work to the value of Rs. 2,56,539 was done. The details are given below :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department, Ordinary, including Electrical Dept. ...	69,242
Communication Improvement Fund	42,589
Chaklajat	4,640
Palace, Cooch Behar	87,914
" Woodlands	17,142
" Darjeeling	6,991
Artisan School	16,208
Contribution Works	11,813
Total	2,56,539

The percentage of expenditure on Establishment with reference to total expenditure on works comes to 16.31 per cent. against 16.55 per cent. of the previous year.

SECTION VI.—CHAKLAJAT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The original provision in the year under report was Rs. 5,407 and this was increased to Rs. 7,407 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 5,581 against Rs. 5,095 of the previous year. The current figures for the year under report have not yet been received from the Manager, Chaklajat Estates.

The Statement appended hereto shows the expenditure on works executed during the year under review compared with those of the previous year.

120. *Original Works* :—

Track from Berampur to Satapir.—A sum of Rs. 1,500 was contributed to the District Board, Dinajpur, for the construction of this Track. The provision under this head has been made in the Revised Budget for the year under report.

Repairs.—Only ordinary repairs were done to the building at a total cost of Rs. 3,140 against Rs. 4,028 of the previous year.

Establishment.—Establishment charges stood at Rs. 941 against Rs. 1,067 of the previous year. Babulal Missir, a Chaprashi, is an old man and a pension roll has been submitted to the Vice-President as he is incapable of doing any hard work.

V.—EDUCATION.

I.—PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

121. The year 1916-17 was not a favourable year for the development of education in the State principally owing to high prices and to the prevalence of small-pox in epidemic forms. The one aim of the Department during the year under report was, therefore, not so much to extend operations as to consolidate the existing institutions by restoring them to their normal condition in strength, efficiency and organisation. Many of our old schools were reconstituted from top to bottom and new unaided ones were set up to take up the place of those that had collapsed.

The following special features of the year's working will show that a distinct step forward was made during the year under report, in spite of the difficulties that had to be faced:—

- (a) The Tufangunj Middle English School was converted into a High English School under the auspices of Your Highness when Your Highness was graciously pleased to preside over the opening ceremony of the school on the 26th April, 1916.

A similar proposal regarding the Sudder Model School was under consideration.

A similar proposal has been mooted regarding the Haldibari Middle English School but no definite action has yet been taken in this connection. The construction of an additional house for this School as well as for the attached Boarding Institution with substantial offers of subscription from some of the leading men, supplemented by a suitable contribution from the State will meet present requirements.

- (b) In Middle class education some improvements were effected during the year under report. Sanction was given to increase the State aid of one attached Middle English class and to raise three of the Middle Vernacular schools with English classes attached, to the status of regular Middle English Schools with enhanced grants.

Middle Vernacular Schools are not much in demand owing to the superior competition of English education. The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, in his report for 1915-16, says that the number of Middle English Schools is steadily increasing, while Middle Vernacular Schools are dying out.

The equipment of Model Vernacular Schools was improved in the matter of maps, text-books and black-boards.

- (c) Nor was Primary Education neglected during the past year. At the time of the half-yearly redistribution of grants, good unaided schools were substituted for inefficient aided ones and some small increases were granted to those that did satisfactory work. The sanctioned provision of Rs. 1,000 out of savings, being utilised to the full extent, as in the preceding year, helped the upkeep of a large number of important Primary and Secondary Schools. The gracious notice of His Excellency the Governor of Bengal of one of our unaided Lower Primary Schools in an outlying part of the State during his recent visit to Cooch Behar and His Excellency's kind presentation of a foot-ball to the boys are incidents, the moral effects of which cannot be over-estimated.

- (d) Effective steps were taken during the year under report for the furtherance of female education in the State. Tufangunj Girls' School was provided with a good tin house and a whole-time teacher appointed for it by raising the State grant for it to the level of similar institutions at Mekligunj and Mathabhanga. Efforts were made to improve and encourage Girls' Schools throughout the State. Much remains to be done before it can be said

that female education in Cooch Behar is in a satisfactory condition, but success will depend to a large extent upon the attitude of parents and guardians, and on the development of the views of society on the question of the proper marriageable age of girls.

- (e) Mahommedan Education also received its due share of attention. Institutions, where the Mahommedan pupils predominated, continued to be looked after with as much care as ever and all help was rendered by the local inspecting officers to improve their resources and maintain them in efficiency.

122. The following table shows at a glance the strength, attendance and expenditure of the different classes of educational institutions in the State, as existed on the 31st March, 1917:—

Class of Schools.	1915-1916.			1916-1917.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1915-1916			EXPENDITURE FOR 1916-1917		
	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1916.	Average daily attendance.	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1917.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
I.—State Institutions—							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Middle Vernacular	13	867	616	13	928	623	4,187	1,908	6,095	4,104	1,968	6,072
TOTAL	13	867	616	13	928	623	4,187	1,908	6,095	4,104	1,968	6,072
II.—Grant-in-aid Schools—												
Higher Class English	3	866	634	4	1,068	774	10,056	12,797	22,853	12,798	15,729	28,527
Middle Class English	15	522	404	15	681	458	4,181	5,308	9,488	3,644	6,074	9,718
Ditto Vernacular	20	1,072	814	17	859	595	2,453	2,657	5,110	2,293	2,387	4,680
TOTAL	38	2,460	1,851	36	2,607	1,827	16,689	20,762	37,451	18,735	24,190	42,925
III.—Primary Schools—												
Upper Primary	45	1,923	1,351	41	1,897	1,380	3,320	3,645	6,965	3,011	3,069	6,080
Lower Primary	155	5,774	4,149	161	5,879	4,114	5,619	8,290	13,939	5,462	8,821	14,283
Night Schools	10	229	186	10	182	124	280	120	400	276	124	400
Girls' Schools	5	70	49	5	106	79	133	74	207	129	124	253
Muktabs	4	74	58	4	75	49	114	234	348	122	60	182
TOTAL	219	8,070	5,793	221	8,139	5,746	9,496	12,363	21,859	9,000	12,198	21,198
IV.—Private Schools—												
Middle Class English	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	960	960	.....	180	180
Middle Class Vernacular	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Primary	1	38	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	32	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary	82	2,528	1,850	78	2,410	1,685	.....	3,393	3,393	.....	2,798	2,798
Night Schools	12	204	135	16	195	128	.....	304	304	.....	276	276
Girls' Schools	8	99	80	7	66	50	.....	80	80	.....	132	132
Muktabs	6	85	75	5	77	53	.....	320	320	.....	144	144
TOTAL	112	2,954	2,106	117	2,748	1,916	.....	5,089	5,089	.....	3,530	3,530
GRAND TOTAL	382	14,351	10,456	377	14,422	10,112	30,372	40,122	70,494	31,839	41,886	73,725

From the foregoing table it will be seen that on the 31st of March last there were 377 Primary and Secondary Schools in the State with a strength and an average daily attendance of 14,422 and 10,112 respectively. The corresponding figures in the previous year were 382, 14,351 and 10,456. These exhibit a decrease of 5 in the number of schools, an increase of 71 in that of pupils and a drop of 344 in attendance.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 73,725, of which the State paid Rs. 31,839 and Rs. 41,886 was met from local sources. During the previous year the total expenditure came to Rs. 70,494, of which Rs. 30,372 was paid from the State and Rs. 40,122 found locally. There was thus an increase of Rs. 3,231 in the total expenditure, of which the State bore Rs. 1,467 and the people, Rs. 1,764. It is a matter of satisfaction that the people have not lagged to second the efforts of the State to educate their children.

123. *Proportion of male scholars to male population of school-going age.*—Cooch Behar contains an area of 1307 square miles and a population of 5,92,952 souls, of whom 3,16,548 are males and 2,76,404 females.

In other words, there are about 454 inhabitants in a square mile on an average. In the neighbouring district of Rungpur there are upwards of 685 inhabitants per square mile. The State is, therefore, sparsely populated in competition with typical Bengal districts. Assuming that the number of boys of school-going age in a country is 15 per cent. of the total male population, the number of boys that ought to be attending schools in Cooch Behar would be 47,482. Of the scholars in our returns 14,106 were boys. Therefore, of all boys of school-going age 29·7 per cent. were at school last year against 29·5 of the year preceding, even excluding those that were borne on the rolls of the Victoria College, the Jenkins School and the Sunity Academy.

124. *Progress of education as judged by the results of Public Examinations.*—The following table shows the results achieved by the Cooch Behar Schools in the several competitive examinations:—

Class of Schools.	1915-1916.							1916-1917.						
	No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.				No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.					
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.		
University Matriculation	3	28	23	3	2	28	3	49	...	...	...	...
Middle English	16	63	9	9	11	29	16	51	...	10	6	31		
Ditto. for Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	2
Middle Vernacular	35	87	14	23	4	41	31	73	11	23	7	41		
Ditto. for Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Upper Primary	87	296	23	81	32	136	90	318	39	89	37	165		
Ditto. for Females	5	8	3	2	...	5	3	7	2	4	...	6		
Lower Primary	253	728	334	195	...	529	199	597	243	157	...	400		
Ditto. for Females	6	20	13	3	...	16	6	13	13	...	...	13
Sanskrit Tole	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1

Last year 49 candidates were enrolled for the Matriculation Examination. Owing to leakage of questions at Calcutta the examination was suspended and ordered to be held in the latter part of July 1917.

In the competitive examinations for Middle and Primary Scholarships, 33 candidates passed the Middle English, 41 the Middle Vernacular, 171 the Upper Primary and 413 the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations against 29, 41, 141 and 545 of the previous year. The apparent decrease in the number of Lower Primary candidates was due to the suspension of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination for the Mathabhanga Centre, owing to the prevalence of small-pox in an epidemic form in the Sub-division. About 94 per cent. of the successful candidates and 84 per cent. of those that won Scholarships were Natives of the State.

The female schools sent up 2 candidates for the Middle English, 7 for the Upper Primary and 13 for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. With the exception of one candidate for the Upper Primary all the others came out successful, 16 being placed in the first division and 5 in the second. The percentage of passes was 95 against 75·8 of the previous year.

From the Sanskrit Toles only one candidate was sent up, who passed the examination and won the Temple Scholarship for the year.

125. *The Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—The number of Sub-divisional Higher English Schools was 4 last year against 3 of the year preceding and this was due to the raising of the Tufangunj Middle English School to the status of a High English School. These schools showed steady progress both in strength and efficiency during the year under report.

The following table sums up the detailed statistics of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools at Mathabhanga, Mekligunj, Dinhata and Tufangunj, as they existed on the 31st March 1917 :—

Class of Institutions.	No. of students.		Language studied.		EXPENDITURE.				
	Roll on 31st March 1917.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.			
						School fees.	Other sources.	Total.	Grand Total.
1. Mathabhanga H. E. ..	307	240	232	75	Rs. 3,580	Rs. 4,418	.....	Rs. 4,418	Rs. 7,828
2. Mekligunj H. E. ..	301	200	249	52	3,282	4,467	.....	4,467	7,769
3. Dinhata H. E. ..	316	235	251	64	3,310	4,602	413	5,015	8,355
4. Tufangunj H. E.	145	90	122	23	2,696	1,810	219	1,859	4,555
Total ..	1,069	774	854	214	12,788	16,067	662	16,729	28,527
Figures for 1915-16 ..	866	632	688	178	10,056	12,199	598	12,797	22,853

On the 31st March last there were 1068 pupils on the rolls of the 4 Sub-divisional Higher English Schools in the State against 866 of 3 such schools on the 31st March, 1916. Of these, 808 were Hindus and 260 Mahomedans. The number of pupils increased by 37, 18 and 2 in the Mekligunj, Dinhata and Mathabhanga schools respectively. The average attendance in this class of schools was 81·6 per cent of the average enrolment as compared with 79·7 of the previous year. Towards the close of the year the rate of fine of pupils for absence without leave was, under orders, enhanced with the object of raising the standard of attendance in these schools. Of the total number of pupils attending these schools, 531 or 49·7 per cent. were pure natives of Cooch Behar.

The financial condition of these schools continued satisfactory. The income from fees and fines in them rose last year from Rs. 12,912 to Rs. 15,442 or by Rs. 2,530. It increased by Rs. 541, Rs. 259 and Rs. 119 in the Mekligunj, the Mathabhanga and the Dinhata schools respectively. Last year closed with an invested capital of Rs. 37,331 to the credit of these schools against Rs. 30,437 of the year before and a local cash balance of over Rs. 10,000 in the hands of the Secretaries to meet all emergent items of expenditure. Your Highness in council was graciously pleased to sanction towards the close of the year the investment of Rs. 10,000 out of the funded capital of the Mekligunj and the Mathabhanga Schools in the Post Office War Bond No. 4.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 28,527 of which Rs. 12,798 was met from State grants and Rs. 15,729 from few other sources. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 22,853, Rs. 10,056 and Rs. 12,797. The increase in the expenditure was mainly due to the number of institutions being increased by one and to the grant of periodical and maximum increases to the salaries of some of the teachers.

126. *School buildings.*—The present school building at Mathabhanga has reached its extreme limit of accommodation and its extension has become a matter of pressing necessity. Two wings were added to the main building of the Nripendra Narayan Memorial Higher English School at Tufangunj. The existing buildings of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools were properly maintained by the Public Works Department.

127. *Teaching Staff.*—The schools worked with the full strength of teachers during the year, except in cases of temporary vacancies, which were filled up with due promptness. For teaching Persian a Moulavi was added to the staff of the Tufangunj Nripendra Narayan Memorial Higher English School. An M. Sc. was taken in the Mathabhanga School to fill up the vacant post of Senior Mathematical teacher and also an M. A. on increased pay as Senior Teacher of History in the Dinhata School *vice* the first additional teacher resigned.

128. *The Managing Committees.*—These committees had 7 sittings on an average during the year and, under the guidance of the Sub-divisional officers, who were ex-officio presidents, proved of great help in promoting the interest of these schools, but in some cases the rectification of faults criticised by the committees was not sufficiently insisted upon.

129. *Examination Results.*—The following table shows the results of the Sub-divisional Higher English schools in the various public examinations :—

	MATRICULATION.				MIDDLE ENGLISH				MIDDLE VERNACULAR.				UPPER PRIMARY.				LOWER PRIMARY.					
	Number passed				Number passed				Number passed.				Number passed				Number passed.					
	No. of candidate.				No. of candidate.				No. of candidate				No. of candidate				No. of candidate					
	I.	II.	III.	Total.	I.	II.	III.	Total.	I.	II.	III.	Total.	I.	II.	III.	Total.	I.	II.	Total.			
Mathabhanga ...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	2	5	...	2	...	...	...
Corresponding for 1915-16	6	5	...	1	6	...	...	...	8	2	2	...	4	8	...	2	2	15	8	7	15	
Dinhata ...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	1	3	1	...	1	...	1	5	5	...	5
Corresponding for 1915-16.	17	3	2	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	3	...	5	1	1	...	...	1
Mekligunj ...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	2	8	1	4	...	5	4	2	1	3
Corresponding for 1915-16.	6	3	1	...	4	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	3	4	4	...	4	8	5	3	...	8
Tufangunj ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Corresponding for 1915-16.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

The Matriculation Examination of 1916-17 was twice cancelled, owing to leakage of questions at Calcutta and has been ordered to be held in July next. The number of candidates enrolled for the examination from the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools at Mekligunj, Mathabhanga and Dinhata was 49 against 28 of the year before.

From the attached Vernacular Departments 34 candidates were sent up to the various Departmental Scholarship Examinations and of them, 24 or 70·5 per cent. came off successful, 13 in the first division, 10 in the second and one in the third against 17, 18 and 2 or 37 out of 50 of the year preceding.

130. *Prizes.*—The State grant for the purchase of Prize books for the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools was Rs. 120 including that for the Tufangunj School against Rs. 100 in the preceding year. This was duly supplemented by local subscriptions. The Dewan of the State was pleased to preside over the Prize distribution ceremony of the Mekligunj School and his instructive presidential address rendered the function an impressive one.

131. *Discipline.*—Discipline was well maintained in the case of the Dinhata, the Mekligunj and the Tufangunj institutions. In the case of the Mathabhanga School the Head Master observes that necessary steps were taken to enforce punctuality and discipline among the boys and exemplary punishment was inflicted in a case of gross misconduct. The conduct of the teachers continued to be satisfactory.

132. *Boarding Institutions.*—The Boarding Institutions attached to the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools continued to be popular. At the close of the year under review there were 193 boarders against 172 of the previous year.

An additional house was constructed and a Pucca well with 6ft. diameter sunk in connection with the Dinhata Boarding Institution at a cost of Rs. 2,424, of which Rs. 1,200 was contributed from the State. The construction of a new house joining the two side houses, so as to form one long building, in place of the dilapidated central house in the Mathabhanga Boarding Institution received approval and the Superintendent of Works was requested

to submit a plan and estimate of the proposed building. An additional dining-room on the Hindu side of the Mekligunj Boarding-house has become an urgent necessity.

Strict supervision was maintained over the conduct of the boarders by the resident teachers and the local medical officers continued to give them medical aid. Monthly allowance was sanctioned for the medical officer of Mekligunj and that of the Mathabhanga officer increased.

The State paid Rs. 1,702 for the establishment charges of these institutions.

133. *Middle English Schools.*—The following table summarises the condition of the Middle English Schools in the State, as they existed on the 31st March, 1917:—

No.	Name of School.	STRENGTH.		LANGUAGE.		EXPENDITURE.		
		Roll on the 31st March 1917.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
1915-16.								
1	Gobrasarah ...	82	64	55	82	360	610	970
2	Kharkharia ...	82	47	60	82	300	300	600
3	Haldidibari ...	110	79	104	110	597	764	1861
4	Tufangunj ...	95	90	84	95	924	748	1672
5	Soulmari ...	38	26	23	38	300	300	600
6	Maricha ...	75	68	48	75	444	444	888
7	Khagrabari ...	40	30	25	40	180	294	474
8	Sitalkhuchi ...	.....	.....	31	.....	120	126	246
9	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	146	.....	300	309	609
10	Chilakhana ...	.....	.....	40	.....	110	142	252
11	Kheti ...	.....	.....	25	.....	111	130	241
12	Dewanhat ...	.....	.....	23	.....	144	136	280
13	Bamanhat ...	.....	.....	74	.....	120	384	454
14	Kotebhajani ...	.....	.....	61	.....	120	480	600
15	Upanchouki...	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	360	360
16	Natabari ...	.....	.....	25	.....	50	191	241
17	Fulbari ...	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	420	420
18	Dewanbosh ...	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	180	180
Total ...		522	404	908	522	4180	6268	10,448
1916-17.								
1	Gobrasarah ...	75	58	50	75	360	681	1041
2	Kharkharia ...	83	59	58	83	300	480	780
3	Haldibari ...	140	84	129	140	576	840	1416
4	Soulmari ...	47	32	17	47	264	300	564
5	Maricha ...	75	59	59	75	444	444	888
6	Khagrabari ...	37	22	15	37	180	342	522
7	Upanchouki ...	70	50	30	70	135	552	688
8	Bamanhat ...	76	54	68	76	265	648	913
9	Fulbari ...	77	04	30	77	175	101	276
10	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	165	.....	300	601	901
11	Chilakhana ...	.....	.....	28	.....	120	161	281
12	Kheti ...	.....	.....	25	.....	120	120	240
13	Dewanhat ...	.....	.....	15	.....	110	106	216
14	Kotebhajani ...	.....	.....	48	.....	175	577	752
15	Sitalkhuchi ...	.....	.....	28	.....	120	120	240
16	Dewanbosh ...	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	180	180
Total ...		680	458	785	680	3644	6254	9898

The number of regular Middle English Schools and English Classes attached to Vernacular Schools was 16 against 18 of the year preceding. Of

these, 15 were aided and one un-aided against 15 aided and 3 un-aided of the year before. Sanction was accorded during the year to the improvement of the Fulbari and the Upanchowki Middle Vernacular Schools, which had un-aided English classes attached to them, by raising them to the Middle English status to take the place of the Middle English Schools at Tufangunj and Natabari, the former of which was converted into a High English School and the latter abolished. The number of the aided Middle English Schools, therefore, remained stationary.

On the 31st March 1917, there were 680 pupils in the regular Middle English Schools in the State, as compared with 522 of the year preceding. Of these, 412 were Hindus and 268 Mahomedans. The average attendance in these schools was 82.9 per cent. of the average enrolment against 75.5 of the year before. The number of English reading boys in these schools showed an apparent decrease from 908 to 755 during the year and this was due to the conversion of the Middle English School at Tufangunj into the status of a High English School.

The expenditure on the Middle English Schools amounted during the year to Rs. 9,898, of which Rs. 3,644 was met from the State and Rs. 6,254 from the fees and other sources. The figures of expenditure for the preceding year were Rs. 10,448, Rs. 4,180 and Rs. 6,268 respectively. The decrease in the State's share of expenditure in these schools was due to the absorption of the sanctioned grant for the Tufangunj Middle English School into the Higher English School grant.

134. The success achieved by the Middle English Schools in the several Scholarship Examinations last year is shown in the following comparative table:—

Class of Examinations.			1915-16.					1916-17.				
			No. of candidate sent up.	No. passed.				No. of candidate sent up.	No. passed.			
				I.	II.	III.	Total.		I.	II.	III.	Total.
Middle English	...	...	62	9	9	11	29	53	16	11	6	33
„ Vernacular	...	...	8	...	5	...	5	5	...	5	...	5
Upper Primary	...	...	22	3	10	1	14	32	8	13	2	23
Lower Primary	...	...	19	17	2	...	19	28	11	9	...	20
Total	...	...	111	29	26	12	67	113	35	38	8	81

The Middle English Schools in the State sent up last year 53 candidates to the Middle English, 5 to the Middle Vernacular, 32 to the Upper Primary and 23 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total of 113 candidates, 81 or 71.4 per cent. came out successful, 35 in the first division, 38 in the second and 8 in the third. The percentage of passes in the preceding year was 60.3.

135. *The State Model Schools.*—During the year under report sanction was accorded to the removal of the Par-Mekligunj Model School (now called the Dewangunj Model School) to the Dewangunj Bunder on account of its deplorable condition, the new Secretary, Babu Gojendra Nath Sarkar, paying the entire cost of the school-house with furniture and Pundit's quarters, which amounted to Rs. 800.

136. The following table gives particulars about the Model Vernacular Schools in the State on the 31st March 1917:—

No.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	NO. OF STUDENTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
		No. of pupils on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average.	State grant.	School fees and fines.	Total.
1915-1916.					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sudder Model ...	190	140	170	948	605	1,553
2	Balarampur ...	71	48	60	348	118	426
3	Baneswar ...	70	46	62	262	105	367
4	Natabari ...	48	31	40	335	91	426
5	Chilakhana ...	70	43	65	198	144	342
6	Dewanhat ...	73	70	72	253	173	426
7	Gitaldah ...	57	51	66	291	111	402
8	Changrabanda ...	56	38	44	345	81	426
9	Pundibari ...	49	28	43	288	88	326
10	Kheti ...	47	28	40	253	88	306
11	Kesaribari ...	42	28	43	288	63	351
12	Shitalkuchi ...	86	67	83	137	25	342
13	Par Mekligunj ...	17	28	37	331	71	402
Total ...		867	646	825	4,187	1,908	6,95
1916-1917.							
1	Sudder Model...	222	157	198	896	661	1,557
2	Balarampur ...	78	55	71	285	125	410
3	Baneswar ...	60	40	56	163	103	306
4	Natabari ...	47	32	3	342	97	419
5	Chilakhana ...	81	35	64	216	130	346
6	Dewanhat ...	71	50	65	248	150	368
7	Gitaldah ...	62	44	51	349	93	402
8	Changrabanda ...	55	42	50	322	104	426
9	Pundibari ...	41	27	41	257	94	351
10	Kheti ...	35	17	38	250	56	306
11	Kesaribari ...	44	18	30	314	52	366
12	Shitalkuchi ...	68	56	71	193	160	353
13	Dewanganj ...	75	40	59	259	143	402
Total ...		928	623	827	4,104	1,968	6,072

The number of Model Schools in the State stood last year at 13 against as many of the year preceding. There were 928 pupils on the rolls of these schools against 867 of the previous year. Of these, 704 were Hindus and 224 Mahommedans. Average attendance in these schools was 75.3 per cent. of the average enrolment as compared with 78.3 of the previous year.

The State spent Rs. 6,072 on the Model Schools during the year under review and received Rs. 1,968 by way of fees and miscellaneous receipts. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 6,095 and Rs. 1,908.

The Model Schools sent up last year 27 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 44 to the Upper Primary and 34 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations and of this total of 105 candidates, 75 or 71.4 per cent. came out successful, 37 in the first division, 34 in the second and 4 in the third. In the preceding year 73 or 58.8 per cent. passed out of 124 sent up.

137. *Middle Vernacular Schools.*—The number of Middle Vernacular Schools in the State declined from 20 to 17 during the year under report and was due to the conversion of the Middle Vernacular Schools at Bamanhat, Upanchowki and Fulbari into regular Middle English Schools.

138. On the 31st March 1917, there were 859 pupils on the rolls of these schools against 1072 pupils on the corresponding date of the previous year. Of these, 526 were Hindus and 333 Mahommedans. Average attendance in these schools was 76.9 per cent. of the average enrolment as against 75.9 of the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 4,680 of which Rs. 2,293 was paid by the State and Rs. 2,387 met from the various local sources, as against Rs. 5,110, Rs. 2,453 and Rs. 2,657 respectively of the preceding year. The decrease in the number of pupils and in expenditure was due to decrease in the number of schools.

The Middle Vernacular Schools in the State sent up last year 18 candidates to the Middle Vernacular 53 to the Upper Primary and 35 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of this total of 106 candidates, 6 were absent and 57 came out successful, 25 being placed in the first division, 22 in the second and 10 in the third. The percentage of passes last year was 57 against 54.5 of the year preceding.

139. *Special Schools.*—The number of Special Schools in the State on the 31st March last was 3 against as many of the previous year. There were 110 pupils on their rolls on the 31st March, 1917, against as many of the previous year. Of these, 35 were Hindus and 75 Mahomedans. The average daily attendance was 76 or 71.7 per cent. of the average enrolment. The expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 510, of which Rs. 336 was paid from the state and Rs. 174 met from local sources as against Rs. 586, Rs. 324 and Rs. 262 respectively of the preceding year.

The Sudder Nagri School had a nominal roll of 30 pupils with an average daily attendance of 23 against 30 and 22 respectively of the previous year. To the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination the Nagri School sent up one candidate to be examined in the text-books prescribed for the same examination of the Patna Division but he was unsuccessful.

There were 32 pupils on the rolls of the Sudder Madrassa with an average daily attendance of 22 against 30 and 22 respectively of the year preceding. 20 boys were presented to the Moulavi of the Jenkins School for examination at the time of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination, of whom 18 came out successful.

The Anjumani Islamia had a nominal roll of 50 pupils on the 31st March last with an average daily attendance of 31 against 50 and 41 respectively of the year preceding. The school sent up 3 candidates to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination and of them, one passed in the second division.

140. The following table gives the particulars of the Primary Schools:—

CLASS.	No. of Institutions.	NO. OF STUDENTS.		EXPENDITURE.										
		No. on the roll on the 31st March.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.			Local sources.			Total.				
AIDED 1916-17.						Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Upper Primary Schools	41	1,897	1,380	3,011	0	0	3,069	0	0	6,080	0	0
Lower Primary Schools	161	5,879	4,114	5,462	0	0	8,821	0	0	14,283	0	0
Night Schools	10	182	124	276	0	0	124	0	0	400	0	0
Girls' Schools	5	106	79	129	0	0	124	0	0	253	0	0
Total	217	8,064	5,697	8,878	0	0	12,138	0	0	21,016	0	0
Corresponding Total for 1915-16	215	7,996	5,735	9,382	0	0	12,129	0	0	21,511	0	0
UNAIDED 1916-17.														
Upper Primary Schools		
Lower Primary Schools	78	2,410	1,685	.....			2,798	0	0	2,798	0	0
Night Schools	16	195	128	.....			276	0	0	276	0	0
Girls' Schools	7	66	50	.....			132	0	0	132	0	0
Total	101	2,671	1,863	.....			3,206	0	0	3,206	0	0
Corresponding Total for 1915-16	103	2,869	2,091	.....			3,809	0	0	3,809	0	0
Grand Total for 1916-17	318	10,785	7,560	8,878	0	0	15,344	0	0	24,222	0	0
Corresponding Grand Total for 1915-16	318	10,805	7,826	9,382	0	0	15,938	0	0	25,320	0	0

141. *The Upper Primary Schools.*—On the 31st March last, there were 41 aided Upper Primary Schools in the State against 45 aided and one unaided institution on the corresponding date of the previous year. The one unaided Upper Primary School of the previous year ceased to exist and by redistribution of grants 3 good Lower Primary Schools were given Upper Primary grants, while 7 were reduced to the Lower Primary status for unsatisfactory work, the result being a decrease of 4 in the number of aided institutions of the class.

The 41 Upper Primary Schools had a strength of 1897 pupils, of whom 1380 attended daily on an average against a strength and an attendance of 1961 and 1377 respectively in the preceding year for 46 schools. The average strength of each school was 46 against 42 of the preceding year.

The expenditure of these schools last year amounted to Rs. 6,080 of which Rs. 3,011 was paid from the State and Rs. 3,069 met from the local sources. The expenditure on these schools declined with the decrease in the number of institutions.

The Cooch Behar Schools sent up last year 325 candidates to the Upper Primary Examination and of these, 171 or 52·6 per cent came out successful, 16 in the first division, 41 in the second and 93 in the third against 141 or 46·3 per cent. out of 304 in the previous year. The present result is, therefore, far superior to that of the year preceding and reflects credit on the Gurus of these schools.

142. *The Lower Primary Schools.*—On the 31st March last, there were 230 Lower Primary Schools in the State, of which 161 were aided and 78 unaided against 155 aided and 82 unaided of the previous year. The number of aided schools increased by 6 but the unaided ones fell off by 4.

These schools had, on the 31st of March last, 8289 pupils on their rolls and of them 5799 attended daily on an average against 8302 and 5999 respectively on the rolls of 237 Lower Primary schools of the year preceding.

The total expenditure of these schools amounted last year to Rs 17,081 of which Rs. 5,462 was paid by the State and Rs 11,619 met from local sources against Rs. 17,332, Rs. 5,649 and Rs. 11,683 respectively in the preceding year. The decrease in expenditure was Rs. 251 only mainly in the State's share and indicates the close supervision exercised by the department over the expenditure of State money.

143. The following table compares the results of the Lower Primary Examination for the last years:—

No.	Centre of Examination.	1915-1916.							1916-1917.						
		No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	No. passed.				No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	No. passed.					
				I.	II.	Total.	Absentees.			I.	II.	Total.	Absentees.		
1	Sudder ...	63	169	46	36	82	6	70	170	42	44	86	13		
2	Dinbata ...	64	166	64	38	102	7	56	162	70	36	106	5		
3	Mathabhanga ...	45	146	95	38	133	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Mekligunj...	57	173	100	50	150	8	56	205	88	69	157	5		
5	Tufangunj ...	30	94	42	36	78	5	23	78	56	8	64	3		
Total		259	748	347	198	545	23	205	610	256	157	413	26		

Last year 610 candidates were sent up to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination from 205 schools of all classes against 748 candidates from 259 schools in the preceding year. Of the candidates enrolled, 584 were actually examined and of these, 413 or 70·7 per cent. passed, 256 in the first division and 157 in the second.

The examination at the Mathabhanga centre could not be held during the year, owing to the prevalence of small-pox in the Sub-division in an epidemic form, which accounts for the decrease in the last year's figures, as quoted above.

The Superintendents of Examinations at the different centres distributed the sum of Rs. 400 as rewards to the Gurus and their pupils on the result of the examination.

144. *Night Schools*.—At the close of the year there were 26 Night Schools in the State against 22 of the previous year. Of these, 10 were aided and 16 unaided against 10 aided and 12 unaided in the preceding year.

There were 377 pupils on the rolls of 26 Night Schools against 433 on the rolls of the 22 Night Schools in the preceding year. The average attendance was 252 against 321.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 676, of which Rs. 276 was paid by the State and Rs. 400 met from local sources against Rs. 704, Rs. 280 and Rs. 424 respectively of the year preceding.

During the year under report these schools sent up 2 candidates to the Upper Primary and 29 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the Upper Primary candidates both passed in the third division and of the Lower Primary candidates 20 passed, 14 in the first division and 6 in the second. In the preceding year one passed the Upper Primary Examination and 26 the Lower Primary out of 42 (1 and 41) that were enrolled. The percentage of passes improved last year from 64.2 to 70.9 and on the results of the examination 3 Lower Primary scholarships were awarded to the successful candidates from the Night Schools against 4 of the preceding year.

145. *Girls' Schools*.—Last year closed with 12 Lower Primary Girls' Schools against 13 in the preceding year. Of these, 5 were aided and 7 unaided against 5 and 8 respectively of the year preceding. The total number of schools for the exclusive education of girls was, however, 16 including the Sub-divisional Girls' Schools, which have been returned with the Middle Vernacular and the Upper Primary schools in consideration of the grants assigned to them.

On the 31st of March last, there were 172 pupils on the rolls of the 12 Lower Primary Girls' Schools in the State, of whom 129 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the preceding year for 13 Girls' Schools were 169 and 129. The total number of girls under instruction, exclusive of those borne on the rolls of the Sunity Academy, which is under the direct control of Her Highness the Dowager Maharani, was 316 against 300 of the previous year.

The expenditure on the Lower Primary Girls' Schools amounted last year to Rs. 885, of which Rs. 129 was paid by the State and Rs. 256 met from local sources against Rs. 287, Rs. 133 and Rs. 154 respectively of the year preceding.

The girls' schools sent up last year 22 girls to the several scholarship examinations, 2 to the Middle English, 7 to the Upper Primary and 13 to the Lower Primary examination and of them, 21 or 95.4 per cent. passed, 16 in the first division and 5 in the second. Four of the girls won scholarships in general competition with the boys. The results of the Girls' Schools were, therefore, very satisfactory.

146. *Mahommedan Education*.—The number of institutions for the special education of the Mahommedans in the State including the Sudder Madrassa and the Anjumani Islamia was 11 against 12 of the year preceding. Of these, 6 were aided and 5 unaided against 6 aided and 6 unaided of the year preceding. These had, on the 31st of March last, 234 pupils on their rolls, of whom 155 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were 239 and 196 respectively. There was thus a decrease of 5 in strength and of 41 in attendance brought on by the decrease of one in the number of institutions.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 842, of which Rs. 338 was paid by the State and Rs. 534 met from the local sources. The corresponding figures for the year preceding were Rs. 1,340, Rs. 318 and Rs. 1,022 respectively. With the decrease, therefore, of one in the number of institutions there happened last year a decrease of Rs. 498 in the total expenditure, brought on by the decrease in the income from local sources.

In addition to the Mahommedan boys that receive a sectarian education in these schools of theirs the forms of all other educational institutions for

general education were largely attended by Mahommedan children. In a school population of 14422 souls over 5000 were Mahommedans. Seven of the year's Middle and Primary scholarships were, in general competition, carried away by Mahommedan pupils.

147. *Teachers' Provident Fund.*—On the 31st March last, the number of teachers paying contribution to the Provident Fund stood at 59 against 51 of the previous year. The number of subscribers increased by 8 on the raising of the Tufangunj School to the Higher English status. The amount to the credit of the Fund rose last year from Rs. 18,116 to Rs. 21,391. The State continued to pay its annual contribution of Rs. 500 to the Fund.

148. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure on the Primary and the Secondary schools in the State amounted, during 1916-17 to Rs. 73,725, of which the State paid Rs. 31,839 and contribution from the several local sources came up to Rs. 41,886. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 70,494, Rs. 30,372 and Rs. 40,122. There was thus an increase of Rs. 3,231 in the total expenditure, of Rs. 1,467 in the State's share of contribution and of Rs. 1,764 in the people's share. The increase in expenditure was due to increased establishment charges under "High English Schools".

The charges under "Inspection and Control" amounted last year to Rs. 6,561 against Rs. 7,927 of the year preceding. The decrease in the expenditure by Rs. 1,359 was due to the reorganisation of the Inspecting staff on the retirement of the late Inspector of Schools.

The Miscellaneous charges including scholarships and rewards amounted last year to Rs. 4,364 against Rs. 3,212 shewing an increase of Rs. 1,152, which was mainly due to the special grant sanctioned for the construction of an additional building and a pucca well in connection with the Dinhata Higher English School Boarding Institution.

A summary of all the sub-heads will shew that the total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education during 1916-17 amounted to Rs. 42,771. This added to Rs. 1,968 remitted to Treasury from the fee collections of the State Model Schools will bring the total up to Rs. 44,739 against Rs. 43,419 of the year preceding.

The budget grant for the year under report was Rs. 45,978 and I sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 120 from the Reserve Fund of the Education Department. Hence the total amount placed at the disposal of the Department came to Rs. 46,098. Deducting the total expenditure of Rs. 44,739, there remains a saving of Rs. 1,359 in the budget allotment for Primary and Secondary Education for 1916-17.

149. *Inspection.*—The following table shows the work done by the Inspecting officers during the year under report:—

Name of officer.	Designation.	Circle.	No. of schools under inspection.	No. of visits paid.	No. of miles travelled.	Amount of Travelling allowance drawn.
						Rs. A. P.
Bahu Jagadish Chandra Sen ...	Inspector of Schools.	Cooch Behar	377	180	2379	544 2 6
„ Juanada Charan Ghosh ...	Deputy Inspector of Schools.	Mekligunj	102	261	2592	543 6 0
Munshi Mahomed Akbar Ali ...	Senior Sub-Inspector of Schools.	Mathabhanga.	101	278	2030	288 8 0
Babu Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Junior Sub-Inspector of Schools.	Dinhata	99	151	1738	171 7 0
„ Kunja Behary Bey ...	Offg. Sub-Inspector of Schools.	„	.....	7	264	12 0 0
„ Umesh Chandra Roy ...	Circle Pandit	Tufangunj	75	228	1179	158 4 8
		Total ...	754	.....	.....	1,717 11 9

During the year under report the Inspector of Schools visited almost every quarter of the State and with the exception of some Primary Schools inspected most of the important aided and unaided schools in the State. The addition of one Higher English School to the existing ones during the year under report has entailed an increase of office-work.

Babu Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B.A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, Mekligunj, paid 261 visits to 102 schools under him or every school was inspected by him two times, the important ones being inspected thrice or oftner. He travelled over 2592 miles during the year under report. He did his works satisfactorily and rendered valuable assistance in the compilation of reports and returns.

Munshi Mahommed Akbar Ali, B.A., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Mathabhanga, paid 278 visits to 101 schools under him. He travelled over 20£0 miles and worked hard.

Babu Aswini Kumar Pal, B. sc., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Sudder and Dinhata, paid 151 visits to 99 schools under him. He is a new officer and, having now got over the initial difficulties of the works, is expected to prove an efficient hand.

Babu Umesh Chandra Ray, Circle Pandit, Tufangunj, paid 228 visits to 75 Primary Schools in the Sudder, Dinhata and the Tufangunj Sub-divisions. He continued to work well.

Babu Kunja Behari De, Office Clerk, officiated as Junior Sub-Inspector of Schools from the 1st to the 17th March, 1916. He continued to discharge his duties satisfactorily.

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150. *Number on the roll.*—The average monthly number on the roll was 373 against 356 in the preceding year shewing an increase of 17 *i.e.*, 4.77 per cent. over the last year's figure. The number on the 31st March, 1917, was 354 against 341 on the same date in 1916. The highest number of students on the rolls reached in July, 1916, was 336 against 376 in 1915. In fact this is the highest number attained since the foundation of the College. It is not possible to accommodate more students under the existing conditions.

151. *Daily Attendance.*—The average daily attendance was 269 in the year under report as against 259 in the preceding year. This low average figure is, as explained in the previous reports, due to the fact that the 2nd and 4th year classes do not sit for 3 months (*i.e.*, from February to April) after the Test Examinations.

152. *Admission.*—Two hundred and forty-three students were admitted during the year against 236 and 216 in the two preceding years *i.e.* in 1914-15 and 1915-16 respectively.

153. *Free students.*—Of the 354 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1917, 85 (*i.e.* 24 per cent.) were free students as against 91 out of 341 in the preceding year. The free-students were classed as follows:—

State scholars	...	...	...	...	...	14
Stipend-holders	...	...	...	...	...	12
Natives	...	...	...	...	...	29
Sons and dependent relations of non-gazetted officers	...	...	...	...	...	18
Others	...	...	...	...	...	18
Total						85

154. *University Examinations.*—Seventy students were sent up to the B. A. Examination, 106 (including the 3 students who appeared as non-collegiate candidates owing to their deficiency of attendance at lectures) to the I. A. and 18 (including one non-collegiate student) to the I. Sc. Of these 22 are natives of the State. The results are not yet out.

155. *Residence of students.*—The following Hostel and unattached messes were licensed by the University for the residence of College students during the year under review :—

- (1) The College Hostel including the Rajgon Boarding Institution.
- (2) The Santikutir mess.
- (3) The Indirakutir mess.
- (4) The Victor Lodge.
- (5) The Moslem mess.

The following comparative statement will shew in a tabular form the receipts and expenditure :—

<i>Expenditure—</i>	1916-17.			1915-16.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment ...	29,180	14	11	29,865	2	1
Contingencies (a) ...	3,559	8	6	3,867	9	8
Total ...	32,740	7	5	33,732	11	9
<i>Receipts—</i>						
State grant ..	21,933	2	2	23,584	3	0
Receipts from fees and fines (b) ...	10,807	5	3	10,148	8	9
Cost of Education per head ...	93	4	5	100	1	6
State share of the cost per head (c) ...	62	7	9	67	15	9

(a) Includes Library and Laboratory charges, sundries, stationery, hot-weather charges etc.

(b) Excluding practical class and athletic club contributions from the students which were spent on Chemicals and athletic gears respectively. The receipts under these heads being Rs. 1,870 and Rs. 634-10 respectively, and the expenditure Rs. 408-14-9 and Rs. 817-4-6. In the former case the expenditure will appear to be less than in previous years which is due to the fact that owing to the great European War no indent for chemical and physical apparatus etc. was placed with any London Firm, and in the latter case the excess of expenditure was met from the last year's balance in hand.

(c) It will be seen that the State share of the cost per head has still further come down to Rs. 62-7-9as against Rs. 69-15-9 in 1915-16.

156. *Physical Training.*—The College students played Cricket, Foot-ball, Tennis, and Badminton as in previous years. Sports were as usual organised and prizes awarded on the occasion of the Founder's Day celebration.

157. *Discipline.*—Discipline was on the whole satisfactory.

158. *Changes (appointment, leave etc. in the staff.*—Babu Upendra Nath Sinha, M. A., was appointed as Principal of this College on and from the 22nd August, 1916 vice Mr. T. L. Vaswani resigned from that date.

Babu Krishna Binode Saha, M. A., was appointed Professor of Economics with effect from the 4th July, 1916, vice Babu Satish Chandra Chakravarti, M.A., resigned.

Babu Fakirdas Banerjee, M.A., was appointed Professor of Philosophy with effect from the 8th November, 1916, vice Babu Sisir Kumar Bardhan, M.A., B.L., resigned.

Babu Profulla Ranjan Dhar, M. A., was appointed as Professor of English with effect from the 25th November, 1916, vice Babu Kalipada Mitra, M.A., B.L., resigned from that date.

Babu Pravash Chandra De, M. A., B. L., was confirmed in his post as Professor of English with effect from the 22nd August 1916, but he was relieved of his duties on the afternoon of the 16th November, 1916, under orders of Your Highness.

Babu Nagendra Nath Basu Roy, M. A., was appointed to the newly created post of Lecturer in Mathematics on and from the 17th July, 1916. This was an addition to the existing staff of the College.

159. *Concluding Remarks.*—The Tuition fee of Rs. 3 was first introduced into the College in June, 1907. A comparative statement of facts and figures shewing the progressive development of the College during the last 9 years *i.e.* since the introduction of fees, is given below :—

	31st Dec. 1917.	31st Dec. 1916.
Total number	184	378
Number of paying students...	118	287
Number of Natives	8	30
Number of other free-students ...	58	61
Number of local students including Natives ...	55	140

It will be seen from the above statement that the number of natives (strictly so called) was 30 on the 31st December, 1916, against 8 on the same date in 1917, and that of local students, most of whom may even be called "Natives of the State" as interpreted by Your Highness in the speech delivered at the Prize distribution of the College and the School on the 14th May, 1917, was 110 against 47.

I beg further to note that Your Highness in Council has of late been pleased to accord sanction to the raising of the Tuition fee of the College from Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 per mensem with effect from the 1st of June, 1917.

The admission fee and the transfer fee have also been raised to Rs. 4 from the same date.

The total number of free-studentships in the College has, from the next Academic session (1917-18, been reduced to 15 to be awarded by the Governing Body to the Natives of the State and local students.

All the members of the staff discharged their duties satisfactorily in the year under report.

II.—JENKINS SCHOOL.

160. *Number on the roll.*—On the 31st March, 1917, there were 568 students on the rolls of the school against 585 on the same date in the previous years. The decrease in number may have been due to the opening of new schools at Tufangunj and Alipur Duar.

Of the total number of pupils 515 were Hindus, 49 Mahomedans, 1 Christian, and 3 Brahmos. The number of Cooch Behar pupils was 140, and of these 100 were Hindus and 40 Mahomedans.

The average monthly roll number was 532.3, average daily attendance 469.54, and percentage of attendance 85.79. The last two figures in 1915-16 were 451.06 and 82.74 respectively, shewing thereby a marked improvement in the attendance of the year under report.

The number of free-students in 1916-17 was 62, of whom 44 were Cooch Behari pupils, 3 wards of State servants, 11 otherwise connected with the State and 4 foreigners.

The total number of Hindu free-students was 50 and that of Mahomedan 12. The total income during the year was Rs. 10,278-1-0, the total expenditure Rs. 17,044-1-8, the total cost of the State Rs. 6,766-0-8, the total cost of educating a pupil Rs. 32-0-7, and the State share of the last item Rs. 12-12-1. The corresponding figures of the last year were Rs. 10,511-15-6, Rs. 16,687-9-2, Rs. 6,175-10-8, Rs. 30-14-5, and Rs. 11-6-11 respectively.

In 1916, 37 boys were sent up for the Matriculation Examination, and of them 20 passed in the first division, 11 in the second and 2 in the third. Three students got scholarships, and one of them secured the first place among the successful students from the Cooch Behar State. Three successful students from this school secured the 15th, 22nd and the 29th place respectively in the University List. Four Cooch Behari pupils appeared at the University Examination and of them 2 passed both in the first division. The percentage of success was 89.18. In the current year 43 boys were sent up for the University Examination out of 48 boys on the roll of the 1st class.

During the year under report there was no instance on record of gross breach of discipline.

In 1916-17, the total athletic collection from all sources was Rs. 733-12 and the total expenditure was Rs. 685-12-8. Besides Football and Cricket, Hockey and Lawn Tennis were introduced for the first time in the school in the year under report.

During the year under report Babu Mukunda Doyal Basu, Head Pandit, died on the 25th of September, 1916, after a service of some 32 years in the Institution. Mukunda Babu was a profound Sanskrit scholar and the institution was benefited by his sound classical Erudition for a long time. Lately, he has not been in good health and we all mourn his sad and sudden death. The vacancy was filled up on the 24th November, 1916, by the appointment of Babu Gopal Krishna Bhattacharji, the present incumbent.

Babu Jatindra Chandra Dutta, M.A., was appointed Senior Mathematicol Teacher of the School *vice*, Babu Nagendra Nath Basu Roy, M.A., transferred at the Victoria College, Cooch Behar, as Lecturer in Mathematics, with effect from the 17th July, 1916.

Babu Kshitish Chandra Roy was appointed 9th Master of the School with effect from the 5th February, 1917, when the temporary arrangement ceased.

The Head Master and other members of the teaching staff worked satisfactorily and took keen interest in the welfare of the Institution in the year under report.

III.—BOARDING INSTITUTIONS.

161. *A. General—Staff.*—The designation of the Officer-in-charge of the Institutions has been changed from "Tutor and Supervisor" into "Superintendent of the Rajgon and College Boarding Institutions," and an allowance of Rs. 15 has been allotted to the post. On the resignation tendered by Babu Kalipada Mitra, M. A., B. L., of his post as Professor of English and Superintendent of the Boarding Institutions, Babu Phani Bhusan Chatterji, M. A., Professor of Chemistry, took over charge of the Boarding Institutions on and from the 24th November, 1916.

162. *Health.*—The general health of the boarders was satisfactory. It is highly desirable to provide a sick-room for the use of the boarders suffering from infectious diseases.

163. *Sanitation.*—On the whole was good.

164. *Diet.*—The quality of food was generally satisfactory.

165. *Attendance.*—Attendance of the boarders was regular and satisfactory. Strict and effective measures were taken to ensure regularity in attendance.

166. *Discipline.*—A few cases of breach of discipline were recorded, but were adequately dealt with by the Principal.

167. *Physical culture.*—The boarders were encouraged to take lively interest in the in-door and out-door exercises in the Institutions. Many of them took active part in the games and sports.

168. *Miscellaneous.*—Sanction has been accorded to the erection of a light-post and to the sinking of a tube-well for the use of the sweeper.

169. *B. College Boarding Institution.*—It received, as usual, a State subsidy of Rs. 25 a month. The monthly boarding fee including tiffin was Rs. 11. The admission fee has recently been raised from Rs. 2 to Rs. 2-8 to meet the increasing demand upon the College Boarding Funds,

The average monthly number on the roll was 54.24 as against 58.5 of previous year.

In the year under review 10 boarders appeared at the B. A. Examination of whom 5 came out successful (one with 2nd class Honours in Philosophy); 15 appeared at the Intermediate Examination of whom 10 passed; 4 in the 1st, 3 in the 2nd and 3 in the 3rd divisions. In 1917, 9 boys appeared at the B. A. and 19 at I. A. and I. Sc. Examinations.

170. *C. Rajgon Boarding Institution.*—The designation of the Assistant Officer has been changed from "Assistant Tutor and Clerk" into "Tutor and Clerk," Rajgon Boarding Institution.

The monthly stipend has been raised from Rs. 10 to Rs. 11-8 *per capita* to provide for tiffin to the boarders.

The average monthly number on the roll was 19 as against 18.75 of the previous year. The number of new admissions was 3. Names of 4 boarders were removed from the rolls. There were 5 boarders reading in the College and 13 in the Jenkins School in March, 1917.

Tuition classes were regularly held in the year under report and attendance was fair.

One boarder appeared at B.A., and one at I.A., Examinations, but both of them failed. Two boarders appeared at the Middle Vernacular Examination, of whom one only passed and was placed in the 1st division. In 1917, 2 boys appeared at I.A., and 1 at I.Sc., Examinations. 13 appeared at the Annual Examination of the Jenkins School of whom 11 were successful.

Rajgon boarders were allowed to start a Tennis club and Athletic appliances worth Rs. 39-12 were purchased to meet the preliminary necessities.

The receipts and expenditures of the year amounted to Rs. 4,232 and Rs. 3,753-3-10 respectively, shewing a saving of Rs. 471-12-2.

The Superintendent Babu Phani Bhusan Chatterji, M.A., takes a keen interest in the welfare of the Institution which is expected to prosper under him.

VI—MEDICAL.

171. *Charge.*—Babu Mohit Lal Sen was in charge of the department during the year under review.

172. *General health of the State.*—The general health of the State during the year under review was good as will appear from the figures of Hospital attendance of patients given below. There was, however, a considerable increase in the number of reported cases of small-pox which broke out in a virulent epidemic form in the Mathabhanga Sub-division. Out of a total of 2290, Mathabhanga alone reported 1501 cases. Special efforts were made to cope with the epidemic of small-pox and a staff of doctors and vaccinators was organised through the affected areas. It is gratifying to be able to report that great success has attended these measures, for, at the time of going to Press it can be truly said that the epidemic has been checked. Only a few sporadic cases are now reported and deaths from small-pox have practically ceased:—

		1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
Malaria	... ..	16,613	25,042	12,309
Cholera	... ..	637	2,008	58
Small-pox	... ..	221	783	2,290

173. *The Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—There was no change in their number. The total number of out-patients treated in these, during the year was 41,158 against 53,237 in the previous year and that of in-patients was 1,341 against 1,447, showing a decrease of 12,079 and 106 respectively. This excessive decrease in the number of patients being mainly due to the unusual prevalence of malaria in an epidemic form in the year 1915-16. The percentage of deaths during the year was 9.39 against 10.09.

Table R shows the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.

The total number of patients treated in the Rajmata Hospital was 23 against 17 in the previous year. The Hospital is gradually becoming popular.

174. *Operations.*—Table T shows the number of major operations performed in the Sudder Hospital during the year under review. It was 78 against 46 in the previous year. The total number of operations, both minor and major, however, was 490 against 340 in the previous year.

175. *Prevailing diseases.*—Table U shows the most prevalent diseases, and the results obtained in their treatment.

Table S shows particulars of mortality of in-patients treated in the various Hospitals in the State.

176. *Vaccination.*—Table V shows the number of persons vaccinated and the results obtained during the year. The number of persons vaccinated was 40,019 against 28,211 in the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 92·23 against 90·01 in the previous year.

Table W shows the daily average population of the Jail and particulars about the Hospital. The weekly administration of quinine to convicts was continued and proved successful in keeping down malaria.

Table X shows the daily average strength of the Police and the Military, and all particulars about the Hospital.

The number of Post-mortem examinations for medicolegal purposes held at the Sudder during the year under report was 15 against 20 in the previous year.

Table Y shows the expenditure on Hospitals and Dispensaries. The total expenditure was Rs. 22,724 against Rs. 21,746 in the previous year. This however does not include the cost of medicines &c. supplied to them.

Table Z shows the total rain-fall of the year under review and of the previous nine years separately. The total rain-fall of the year was 189·81 inches against 106·78 inches of the previous year. The average of the last ten years was 150·97 inches.

177. *Vital statistics.*—The statement below shows the rates of births and deaths per thousand of the population in the Town of Cooch Behar for the last 3 years :—

	Birth rates.	Death rates.
1914-15	10·78	14·85
1915-16	20·10	12·36
1916-17	10·51	14·02

178. *General Remarks.*—The Hospitals and Dispensaries were regularly inspected during the year under review and their general conditions proved to be satisfactory.

The Midwife attached to the department attended 93 maternity cases against 104 in the previous year, the mortality being nil.

The Kala-azar Refuge at Krishnapur was abolished in August last, there being no patient in the Refuge for the last 2 years.

The total number of prescriptions served in the Sudder Dispensary during the year under report was 17,890 against 20,403 in the previous year.

The spleen rate register kept in the Sudder Hospital showed that out of 1819 children examined 498 had spleen or in other words the percentage of spleen cases was 27·43.

179. *Expenditure.*—The total cost of the department during the year was Rs. 41,104 against Rs. 46,133 in the previous year. The decrease was mainly due to the appointment of a Civil Surgeon on reduced pay.

The Carmichael Ward of the Sudder Hospital was opened on the 15th February 1917, by His Excellency Lord Carmichael, the late Governor of Bengal. It has been equipped by Mr. John Apcar in memory of his late father. This ward has accommodations for Dispensary, Library, Medical store, Female patients and out-door department of the Sudder Hospital.

LIBRARY.

180. During the year under report only 4 English books and 1 Bengali book were purchased. Her Highness the Dowager Maharani was graciously pleased to present 2 Bengali books and Maharjkumar Victor N. Narayan 3 sets of English books, and another book was received from the Bengal Government. They all were included in the Library books. Thus the total number of English, Bengali and Sanskrit books were brought to 8294, 1265 and 162 respectively as against 8296, 1266 and 162 respectively of the last year.

STATE PRESS.

181. *Charge.*—Babu Kshetra Mohan Brahma, Head Clerk and Sheristadar, General Department, on leave, was in charge of the State Press throughout the year.

182. *Printing of Stamps.*—Stamps to the value of Rs. 5,37,147 were manufactured by the State Press during the year against Rs 3,37,275 of the previous year.

183. *The Cooch Behar Gazette.*—There were 141 paying subscribers to the Gazette against 143 and the number of copies for free distribution was 83 against 81 of the previous year.

184. *General Remarks.*—Under Your Highness' order a monthly Bengali Magazine named "*Paricharika*" edited by Rani Nirupama Debi, wife of Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan, is being published regularly from the State Press from November last. An additional provision of Rs. 655 was, under Your Highness' sanction, made in the Press Budget for the purchase of fresh type &c. for the Magazine and the amount was spent in full.

I regret to say that the work of the Press was far from satisfactory, partly through lack of methodical organisation of work and partly through lack of space in the building. It is hoped that the former defect will be eliminated during the current year; and when it is possible to increase the accommodation of the Press a marked expansion and improvement should be at once possible.

I have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servant,

J. A. MILLIGAN,

Vice-President, State Council,

General Department, Cooch Behar.

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Statement A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1916-1917.

PART I.—Return of cases.

LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.		Number pending from previous year.	Number reported in the year.	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation.	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mistakes of law or fact or declared non-cognisable.	Number pending at end of year.	True cases					Total magistrate's true cases.	Total magistrate's cases convicted.	Grand total of true cases (columns 14+15).	REMARKS.
										Convicted.	Acquitted.	Not detected or apprehended.	Total true cases (Columns 11+12+13).					
2°	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Sections of I P. Code.																		
115, 117, 118, 119 ..	Abetment of cognizable offence.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS I.—Offences against the State, public tranquility, safety and justice.																		
131 to 136, 138 ..	Offences relating to the Army Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
231 254 ..	Offences relating to coin ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
258 to 263A ..	Offences relating to stamps ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
467 and 471 ..	Offences relating to Government Promissory notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
489A 489D ..	Offences relating to Currency and Bank notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
212 to 216, 216A ..	Harbouring an offender ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
224, 225, 255B and 226 ..	Other offences against public Justice.	1	8	...	6	1	...	...	8	...	...	8	1	1	6	...	
145 to 153, 157, 158, 159 ..	Rioting or unlawful assembly	8	17	...	20	...	11	8	9	9	...	4	8	8	9	...		
140 170, 171.....	Personating public servant or soldier.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	4	22	...	26	1	11	8	7	9	...	9	6	6	18	...		
CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person.																		
302, 303, 306 ..	Murder ..	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	...	...	9	...	
307	Attempts at murder .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
304, 308	Culpable homicide	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
376	Rape	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
377	Unnatural offences	8	...	...	8	...	...	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	
317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
305, 306, 309	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide.	...	7	...	7	...	1	...	6	...	...	6	...	...	6	...	
326, 326, 329, 331, 333, 336 ..	Grievous hurt	8	26	...	31	9	12	...	6	1	9	10	8	...	12	...	Seven cases compromised under Sec. 345 O. P. C.	
328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
324, 327, 330, 332..	Hurt	15	1	14	...	4	8	...	8	1	8	9	1	10	...	...
363 to 369 and 372, 373 and 371.	Kidnapping or abduction selling etc., for prostitution and dealing in slaves	6	...	6	1	8	...	...	2	...	2	2	1	8	...	...
346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
368, 364, 356, 357 ..	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	1	10	...	11	1	4	...	4	...	9	6	10	4	16	...		
304A, 338	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total.....	6	78	1	78	8	24	7	20	11	4	36	18	6	54	...		
CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property, or against property only.																		
395, 397, 398, 399, 402 ..	Dacoity and preparation and assembly for dacoity.	1	5	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	4	5	...	...	5	...	
392, 393, 394, 397, 398 ..	Robbery ..	...	7	...	7	...	2	1	1	1	2	6	1	...	5	...	
270, 281, 282, 480 to 483, 485 to 440 ..	Serious mischief and cognate offences.	1	5	...	6	2	...	1	2	1	...	8	2	1	...	...

STATEMENT C.

Property stolen and recovered.

OFFENCE.	Number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentage of cases in which property was recovered to cases in which property was stolen.	Amount of property stolen.	Amount of property recovered.	Percentage of value of property recovered to value of property stolen.
A.—COGNIZABLE.						
1.—Theft ...	208	104	50.00	14,905 13 3	2,213 15 9	14.08
{ a.—In conjunction with lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.						
{ b.—In conjunction with receiving stolen property.	8	8	100.00	1,034 13 0	896 12 0	86.65
{ c. Other thefts ...	98	46	46.92	4,488 1 0	609 1 3	13.57
2.—Robbery ...	5	2	40.00	1,345 11 9	586 9 9	43.56
{ a.—Dacoity ...						
{ b.—Other Robbery ...	7	3	42.85	597 10 0	65 12 0	10.88
3. Criminal breach of trust ...	2	1	50.00	113 7 0	113 7 0	100.00
Criminal breach of trust by public servants or by a banker, merchant or agent	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
B.—NON-COGNIZABLE.						
Extortion ...	3	.....	.....	23 0 0	.....	.....
Criminal mis-appropriation ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	331	164	329.77	22,511 8 0	4,495 9 9	268.94

The 28th May, 1917.

GOPAL CHANDRA CHATTERJEE,
Fouzdary Ahlik of Cooch Behar.

D.—Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cutch Behar Jail for the year 1916-17.

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Yearly aggregate of the sick and well.	Daily average of the foregoing.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.		No. admitted during the year.	No. received from other Districts.	No. received from the Lock-ups.	Total No. in Jail.	Total to Lunatic Asylum or to other Jail, or to Port Blair including those in transit.	Released.	Escaped.	Died.	Executed.	Total No. of columns 8 to 12.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the year.		Out of number in col. 4, 5 and 6.	Out of number in col. 8.	Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.	No. the Jail is capable of containing at 88 cubic ft. per prisoner.	No. above capacity with reference to col. 2.	No. below capacity with reference to col. 2.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																											
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E.—Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Sub-Divisional Lock-ups for the year 1916-17.

1	2	3	4		5	6		7	8		9	10		11		12				13	14		15	16	17	18				
NAMES OF LOCK-UPS.	Yearly aggregate of prisoners of all classes on the daily total No. of prisoners as sick and well.	Daily average of the foregoing.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.		No. admitted during the year.	TOTAL.		Transferred to Sub-Jail including those in transit.	Released.	Died.	Escaped.	Total of columns 7 to 10.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Lock-ups on the last day of the year.		No. convicted during the year out of total admitted as per column 3.	No. under trial.	Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.	No. the lock-ups are capable of containing as cubic ft. per prisoner.	No. above capacity with reference to column 3.	No. below capacity with reference to column 3.										
			In Lock-up.	In Hospital.		In Lock-up.	In Hospital.						M.	F.							M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Dinhata ..	1238	3-39	7	..	87	94	33	59	..	..	..	92	..	2	..	..	..	35	..	52	..	7	..	15-12	15	..	..	..	..	11-31
Satashabanga ..	791	2-16	2	..	129	131	44	187	3	..	..	131	4	..	..	..	..	47	1	77	3	2	..	4-94	22	..	..	..	..	19-81
Kathumj ..	974	2-67	5	..	60	63	10	15	2	..	..	55	2	8	..	..	..	29	1	49	1	1	..	19-67	18	..	..	..	..	13-26
Coofangunj ..	595	1-53	2	..	48	50	1	12	..	35	1	47	1	3	..	..	..	25	..	21	1	..	..	12-13	9	..	..	..	..	7-37
Total ..	3598	2-95	14	..	324	339	7	98	1	225	6	325	7	13	..	..	..	137	2	190	5	10	..	51-26	64	..	..	..	..	54-08

GOPAL CHANDRA CHATTERJEE,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cutch Behar.

F.—Statement showing the outturn of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1916-17.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
YEAR.	TOTAL NO. OF PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURES.		VALUE OF ARTICLES SOLD DURING THE YEAR.								Value of plant, machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1917.	Total of columns 8, 9, 10 and 11.	
	Number of working days in the year.	On all other manufactures.	Value of articles sold to outsiders.	Value of articles sold to other departments or for Jail use for which cash payment into the Treasury was made.	Value of articles supplied for use of the Jail other than for the manufacture department for which no cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied to other jails, for which no cash payment was received.	Total value of articles disposed of as per cols. 4, 5, 6 and 7.	Value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1917.	Value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1917.				
1916-17	309	1790	7790	9680	Rs. As. P. 1,404 12 0	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P. 20,483 3 0	Rs. As. P. 631 5 9	Rs. As. P. 3,043 2 9	Rs. As. P. 2,737 13 0	Rs. As. P. 26,805 9 6	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deduct value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1915.	Deduct value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1915.	Deduct value of plant and machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1915.	Deduct charges incurred for raw materials, tools, &c. in 1915-1916.	Total debits, as per cols. 13, 14, 15 and 16.	Deduct amount retrenched.	Difference between cols. 17 and 18, being net debits.	Profit being the excess of total of col. 12 over total of col. 19.	Loss being the excess of total of col. 19 over total of col. 12.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for hire of prisoners employed in State works.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for value of labour of prisoners hired out to private parties.	Total of cols. 20, 22 & 23.	Cash realised and remitted to the Treasury during 1915-1916.	Total outstanding at the close of the year.
Rs. As. P. 495 6 3	Rs. As. P. 3,091 12 3	Rs. As. P. 2515 8 3	Rs. As. P. 18,388 3 9	Rs. As. P. 21,485 14 6	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P. 21,485 14 6	Rs. As. P. 2,409 11 0	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P. 612 8 0	Rs. As. P. 376 0 0	Rs. As. P. 2,428 3 0	Rs. As. P. 21,313 7 3	Rs. As. P. 2,806 0 6

Rs. A. P.
 (1) Sale-proceeds of manufactured articles paid into Treasury ... 2,437 6 0
 (2) Hire of convicts ... 950 8 0
 (3) Miscellaneous receipts ... 59 3 3
 Total ... 31,357 7 3

GOPAL CHANDEA CHATTERJEE,
 Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

H.—Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1916-1917.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR						AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF					
Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Feeding, including lunas at Berhampur & life convicts at Fort Blair.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, credited <i>vide</i> column 12, Statement G.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
.....	6,103 0 0	6,047 11 0	3,562 12 11	14,713 7 11	5,539 2 6	9,174 5 5	.....	53 13 7	63 13 1.	37 9 9	155 4 4

- GOPAL CHANDRA CHATTERJEE,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

I.—Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1916-17.

1	2	3
Jail offences.	Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Relating to work 17	Loss of marks	12
Having forbidden articles in possession... 45	Corporal punishment	4
Assault, &c. 3	Degraded from Warder's post ..	5
Other breaches of Jail rules 60	Putting on heavy irons	7
Offences relating to escape	Wearing gunny suits	1
	Putting in solitary cells	2
	Judicially punished ... ..	.....
	Warned	42
	Standing Hand-cuff	26
	Cross Bar fetters ... ..	.....
	Hard Labour	16
	Bar fetters ... ..	.....
	Night Hand-cuff ... ..	.....
	Penal diet	10
Total ... 125	Total ...	125

GOPAL CHANDRA CHATTERJEE,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

J.—Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1916-1917.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies.	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		On account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
4	9-92	430 0 0	878 11 6	1,308 11 6	15 6 6	92 1 0	107 7 6	1,291 4 0	43 5 5	88 9 3	121 11 8	• •

GOPAL CHANDRA CHATTERJEE,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

K.—Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept.,
Cooch Behar State, for the year 1916-1917.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1915-1916.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1916-1917.	
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings ...	9,278	.....	29,725	.....
Forest ...	2,265	.....	1,359	.....
Total Original Works	.....	11,543	.....	81,084
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings ...	15,956	.....	16,322	.....
Military ..	385	.....	437	.....
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	1,471	.....	1,815	.....
Total Repairs ...	.....	17,812	.....	18,074
Tools and Plants ...	1,357	1,357	1,833	1,833
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Public Works Department.	26,281	.....	27,188	.....
Electrical Establishment	.....	.....	6,282	.....
Dak-Bungalow ...	1,267	.....	1,424	.....
Artizans' School ...	1,356	.....	1,856	.....
Conservancy ...	670	.....	701	.....
Lansdowne Hall ...	917	.....	775	.....
Total Establishment...	.....	80,491	.....	37,726
Maintaining State carts	5,529	5,529	4,481	4,481
ELECTRICAL DEPT.				
Electric Works ...	.....	.....	13,770	13,770
Profit and Loss ...	137	137	.....	.....
Grain allowance ...	366	366	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	67,235	.....	1,06,968

Receipts.

P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts ...	8,170	7,525
Total Receipts	8,170	7,525

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1916-1917.

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1915-1916.	Expenditure for 1916-1917.		
			Original.	Petty works.	Total.
	Original Works. <i>Civil Buildings.</i>	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Carmichael Ward in Sudder Dispensary ...	7,987	11,071	.....	11,07
2	Compounder's quarters at Haldibari ...	299	.....	.....	.....
3	Latrine in the Sunity College ...	161	.....	.....	.. ..
4	Latrine in the Mathabhangra Lock-up ...	123	.....	.....	.....
5	Providing pump in Sudder Hospital ...	99	.....	.....	.....
6	Sweepers' quarters at Haldibari ...	195	.....	.....	.....
7	Thatched cook-shed in Bandmen's quarters ...	91	.....	.....	.....
8	Corrugated Iron cook-shed in Band Godown ...	118	.....	.....	.....
9	Certain additions and alterations to Military Line	42	.....	.....	.....
10	Latrine in Bandmen's quarters ...	149	.....	.....	.....
11	Additions and alterations to Railway Police quarters,	64	.....	.....	.....
12	Changing Posts and fitting rails to Pilkhana ...	.....	147	.....	147
13	Improvement of Accountant General's quarters (Late Kedar Babu's House).	.....	1,208	.....	1,208
14	Mahoot's shed at Mekligunj ...	.....	98	.....	98
15	Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness ...	.....	10,500	.....	10,500
16	Renewal of Corrugated Iron sheets of the kitchen of Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Mathabhangra.	.....	239	.....	239
17	Reconstructing a Baithakkhana in the Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Mathabhangra.	.....	2,146	.....	2,146
18	Barracks for constables in Cooch Behar Railway Station.	.....	1,455	.....	1,455
19	Grain godown in Sudder Jail ...	.....	343	.....	343
20	C. I. sheet covering and wooden railing in passage of platform of Latrine in Carmichael Ward.	.....	.....	.....	.. ..
21	Manufacture of Tiles ...	.....	208	.....	208
22	Providing glazed tiles in Carmichael Ward ...	.....	2,097	.....	2,09
23	Sentry box in the compound of Vice-President of the State Council.	.....	.....	78	7
24	Providing shelves in the Store room of Vice-President's Bungalow.	.....	.....	47	4
25	Providing a Tube-well in the Railway Police quarters	.....	.....	43	4
26	Dividing the existing in-patient room of Shitalkhuchi Dispensary.	.....	.....	50	5
	Carried over Original Works—Civil Buildings ...	9,278	29,507	218	29,72

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1916-1917.—(Contd.)

NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1915-1916.	Expenditure for 1916-1917.		
		Annual	Petty works.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Brought forward Original Works ...	9,278	29,507	218	29,725
<i>Forest.</i>				
Forest in general ...	846	459	.....	459
Planting and protecting trees ...	1,419	900	.....	900
Total Forest ...	2,265	1,859	.....	1,359
Total Original Works ...	11,543	30,866	218	31,084
Repairs.—Civil Buildings.				
Band Master's Bungalow ...	216	173	.....	173
Bandsmen's Quarters ...	285	358	.....	358
Boarding Institution with out-houses & Assistant Tutor's Quarters.	366	348	.....	348
Brahmo Somaj Building ...	431	395	.....	395
Cemetery ...	17	15	.....	15
Civil Judge's pucca house occupied by the pre- sent Dewan.	832	805	.....	805
Civil Surgeon's Building ...	383	550	.....	550
Council Office with East and West wings ...	689	307	247	554
Dak Bungalows, Sudder ...	231	159	.....	159
Dak Bungalows in Mofussil ...	607	531	78	609
Dewan's pucca house with out-houses ...	667	.....	.....	.....
Dispensary, Sudder ...	333	364	141	505
Dispensaries in Mofussil ...	822	759	106	865
Lansdowne Hall ...	447	462	.....	462
Native Guest Houses Nos. 2 & 3 ...	197	219	.....	219
Dewan's office with Treasury &c. ...	326	.....	105	105
Pilkhana with out-houses ...	316	556	.....	556
Public Works office Godown &c. ...	232	293	.....	293
Quarters for the Assistant Surgeon ...	128	.....	14	14
Quarters for the Principal, Victoria College ...	141	182	.....	182
Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness ...	291	301	.....	301
Quarters for Sub-divisional Officers ...	831	.....	835	835
Repairs to Sudder Jail ...	284	.....	151	151
Repairs to Furniture of Vice-President, State Council and Civil Surgeon.	367	634	.....	634
School buildings at Dinhat and Mathabhangha &c.	473	318	178	491
Stables at Nilkuti ...	94	.....	249	249
Sub-divisional Buildings ...	367	290	.....	290
Sub-divisional Lock-ups ...	262	210	.....	210
Vice-President State Council's house with out-houses	1,325	1,120	.....	1,120
Vice-President, State Council's office ...	161	146	.....	146
Superintendent of Pilkhana's Bungalow ...	77	90	.....	90
Tehsil office, chain railing at Haldibari ...	124	110	30	140
Temples in Town ...	755	498	.....	498
Temples in Mofussil ...	572	566	43	609
Tin Bungalow east of Baragidighi ...	189	58	.....	58
Victoria College and Jenkins School ...	866	511	.....	511
Sudder Police Station ...	89	.....	98	98
Fouzdari office Building ...	304	.....	249	249
Provision Godown at Nilkuti ...	68	.....	55	55
Carried over Total Repairs Civil Buildings ...	14,690	11,823	2,579	13,902
Carried over Original Works ...	11,543	30,866	218	31,084

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

L.—Abstract of expenditure of the Palace Public Works for 1916-17.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	Expenditure for 1915-16.		Expenditure for 1916-17.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
PALACE.				
Cooch Behar.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Original Works ...	28,395 0 0		75,722 0 0	
Repairs ...	11,612 0 0		12,192 0 0	
Establishment ...	1,492 0 0		898 0 0	
Total ...		86,499 0 0		88,807 0 0
Woodlands.				
Original Works ...	5,225 0 0		1,935 0 0	
Repairs ...	4,497 0 0		5,617 0 0	
Miscellaneous ...	9,403 0 0		9,590 0 0	
Establishment ...	775 0 0		1,278 0 0	
Total ...		19,900 0 0		18,420 0 0
Colinton & Prospect House.				
Original Works ...	3,460 0 0		.....
Repairs ...	6,522 0 0		2,576 0 0	
Miscellaneous ...	6,249 0 0		3,341 0 0	
Establishment ...	2,415 0 0		2,085 0 0	
Total ...		18,646 0 0		8,002 0 0
Total Palace ...		75,045 0 0		1,15,229 0 0
Un-expended balance remitted to the Treasury	15,968 0 0	6,471 0 0
Grand total	91,008 0 0	1,21,700 0 0

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PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of expenditure for the year 1916-17.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1915-16.	Expenditure for 1916-17.		
			Amount.	Petty.	Total.
	PALACE.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Cooch Behar.				
	<i>Original Works.</i>				
1	Game Reserve Forest ..	725 0 0	415 0 0	.....	415 0 0
2	Ground and Garden ...	5,991 0 0	6,736 0 0	.....	6,736 0 0
3	Samadhi of His late Highness the Maharaja Bhup. Bahadur.	23 0 0	1,490 0 0	.....	1,490 0 0
4	Raj Rajendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur.				
5	Electric Installation in the Palace	10,000 0 0	10,547 0 0	.....	10,547 0 0
6	Certain works in connection with Their Highness' Samadhi.	286 0 0	.....	.....	.....
7	Providing Iron gratings to door openings of late Keshab Narayan's house.	168 0 0	.....	.....	.....
8	Thatched cook shed and charpois for Sepoys.	246 0 0	.....	.....	.....
9	Improving Mr. Oakley's Bungalow.	222 0 0	.....	.....	.....
10	Enlarging and improving Tennis ground in the Palace ground.	141 0 0	.....	.....	.....
11	Sanitary Installation ...	.....	27,109 0 0	.....	27,109 0 0
12	(Dynamo House) Electric Engine house in Palace.	5,036 0 0	12,744 0 0	.....	12,744 0 0
13	Ornamental door for Durbar Hall.	557 0 0	.....	.....	.....
14	Thatched shed over Samadhi of His Late Highness N. N. Bhup.	.....	258 0 0	.....	258 0 0
15	Electric Installation in the Palace (connecting westing House plant)	.....	9869 0 0	.....	9,869 0 0
16	Two bath rooms in the Palace ...	.....	5,860 0 0	.....	5,860 0 0
17	Purchase and repairs to Furniture, Palace.	.....	594 0 0	.....	594 0 0
18	Foundation of Pump Engine ...	... ..	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0
	Total Original Works ...	23,395 0 0	75,722 0 0	.....	75,722 0 0
	<i>Repairs.</i>				
19	Improvement of Palace ground ...	1,312 0 0	1,656 0 0	.....	1,656 0 0
20	Maintenance of Electric Light to the Palace.	254 0 0	671 0 0	.....	671 0 0
21	Out-houses of Palace (Pucca and Kutcha).	1,468 0 0	1,707 0 0	.....	1,707 0 0
22	Palace Repairs ...	5,465 0 0	5,516 0 0	.....	5,516 0 0
23	Repairs to Rajander including Rajmata's house.	1,792 0 0	1,789 0 0	.....	1,789 0 0
24	Stables and coach house ...	472 0 0	512 0 0	.....	512 0 0
25	Decoration and Illumination on birth days of His Highness and Heir apparent.	807 0 0	.....	.....	.....
26	Strong room partition ...	143 0 0	.....	.....	.....
27	Brass wire gauge netting in the Palace East wing.	69 0 0	.....	.....	.....
28	Blocking up doors of Palace bath room.	62 0 0	.....	.....	.....
29	Altering cook room No. 1 as boiler room.	54 0 0	.....	.....	.....
30	Painting hot and cold water pipes.	22 0 0	.....	.....	.....
31	Half Terracing some portion of the Palace.	192 0 0	.....	.....	.....
32	Palace stable and Coach house ...	.....	.....	141 0 0	141 0 0
33	Mr. Oakley's Bungalow -	.....	.....	200 0 0	200 0 0
	Carried over Total Repairs ...	11,612 0 0	11,851 0 0	841 0 0	12,192 0 0
	Ditto Original Works ...	23,395 0 0	75,722 0 0	.....	75,722 0 0

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1916-17.—(Continued.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1915-16.	Expenditure for 1916-17.					
			Amount.		Petty.		Total.	
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Brought forward Original works ...	23,895 0 0	75,722 0 0	.....	.....	75,722 0 0	.....	.....
	Brought forward Repairs ...	11,612 0 0	11,851 0 0	341 0 0	.....	12,192 0 0	.....	.....
	<i>Establishment.</i>							
34	Pay of Overseer ...	873 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	Pay of Forest Ranger ...	474 0 0	444 0 0	.....	.....	444 0 0	.....	.....
36	Travelling allowance of Forest Ranger.	145 0 0	149 0 0	.....	.....	149 0 0	.....	.....
37	Pay of Sub-Overseer ...	.....	300 0 0	.....	.....	300 0 0	.....	.....
	Total ...	1,492 0 0	893 0 0	.....	.....	893 0 0	.....	.....
	Total Palace, Cooch Behar ...	36,499 0 0	88,466 0 0	341 0 0	.....	88,807 0 0	.....	.....
	Woodlands.							
	<i>Original Works.</i>							
38	Extension of water main at Woodlands and uniform to Maleses.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	Drainage works ...	5,225 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	Connecting up diesel house and westing house plants.	.....	1,935 0 0	.....	.....	1,935 0 0	.....	.....
	Total Original Works ...	5,225 0 0	1,935 0 0	.....	.....	1,935 0 0	.....	.....
	<i>Repairs.</i>							
41	Repairs to Houses and Up-keep of Roads.	4,351 0 0	5,617 0 0	.....	.....	5,617 0 0	.....	.....
42	Surface drain for under-ground drainage.	146 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
43	Repairs to cyclone damages to woodlands.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Repairs ...	4,497 0 0	5,617 0 0	.....	.....	5,617 0 0	.....	.....
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>							
44	Arrangements for watering lawn, &c.	60 0 0	91 0 0	.....	.....	91 0 0	.....	.....
45	Garden ...	1,463 0 0	1,800 0 0	.....	.....	1,800 0 0	.....	.....
46	Taxes ...	7,880 0 0	7,699 0 0	.....	.....	7,699 0 0	.....	.....
	Total Miscellaneous ...	9,403 0 0	9,590 0 0	.....	.....	9,590 0 0	.....	.....
	<i>Establishment.</i>							
47	Pay of Sub-Overseer ...	548 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48	Travelling allowance of Superintendent of Works	167 0 0	618 0 0	.....	.....	618 0 0	.....	.....
49	Travelling allowance of Sub-Overseer	60 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50	Pay of Overseer ..	.....	600 0 0	.....	.....	600 0 0	.....	.....
51	Travelling allowance of Overseer ...	.....	60 0 0	.....	.....	60 0 0	.....	.....
	Total Establishment ...	775 0 0	1,278 0 0	.....	.....	1,278 0 0	.....	.....
	Total Woodlands ...	19,900 0 0	18,420 0 0	.....	.....	18,420 0 0	.....	.....
	Colinton & Prospect House.							
	<i>Original Works.</i>							
52	Special works at Colinton ...	3,121 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
53	Strong room at Colinton ...	339 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Original Works ...	3,460 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	<i>Repairs.</i>							
54	Repairs to houses, & out-houses &c.	6,294 0 0	1,732 0 0	.....	.....	1,732 0 0	.....	.....
55	Repairing step No. 1 Colinton ...	82 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
56	Ditto No. 2 Colinton ...	126 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
57	Ditto at Lansdowne.	20 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
58	Repairs to Ullic Villas Nos. I & II.	.....	487 0 0	.....	.....	487 0 0	.....	.....
59	Tennis Court at Colinton ...	.....	.....	358 0 0	.....	358 0 0	.....	.....
	Total Repairs ...	6,522 0 0	2,219 0 0	358 0 0	.....	2,577 0 0	.....	.....

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1916-17.—(Concluded.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1915-16.	Expenditure for 1916-17.		
			Amount.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Brought forward total of Colinton and Prospect House.	9,982 0 0	2,219 0 0	358 0 0	2,577 0 0
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>				
60	Insurance	313 0 0	312 0 0	.....	812 0 0
61	Sligo Hall Taxes	655 0 0	14 0 0	.....	14 0 0
62	Taxes	1,479 0 0	1,515 0 0	.....	1,515 0 0
63	Renewing furniture at Colinton and Sligo Hall.	3,802 0 0	.....	.....	.....
64	Stamp duty &c. of snuggery. ...	.....	1,500 0 0	... ..	1,500 0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	6,249 0 0	3,841 0 0	.....	3,341 0 0
	<i>Establishment.</i>				
65	Garden including Establishment ...	1,129 0 0	933 0 0	.....	933 0 0
66	Proportionate pay of Supervisor, &c.	690 0 0	690 0 0	.....	690 0 0
67	Sligo Hall Servants Estbt. ...	288 0 0	140 0 0	.....	140 0 0
68	Travelling allowance of Superintendent of Works ...	308 0 0	821 0 0	.....	321 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	2,415 0 0	2,084 0 0	.....	2,084 0 0
	Total Darjeeling Palace ...	18,646 0 0	7,644 0 0	358 0 0	8,002 0 0
	Total Cooch Behar Palace ...	36,499 0 0	88,466 0 0	341 0 0	88,807 0 0
	Total Woodlands ...	19,900 0 0	18,420 0 0	.....	18,420 0 0
	Unexpended Balance ...	15,263 0 0	6,471 0 0	.....	6,471 0 0
	Grand total ..	91,008 0 0	1,21,001 0 0	699 0 0	1,21,700 0 0

N. N. Roy,

Supdt. of Works, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

O.—Abstract of Annual Statement or Expenditure of the C. I. Fund
for the year 1916-17.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1915-16.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1916-17.	
		Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Communication Improvement Fund.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Original Works ...	10,967 0 0		9,386 0 0	
2	Repairs ...	30,267 0 0		33,203 0 0	
3	Contingencies ...	360 0 0		360 0 0	
4	Rest House Establishment ...	912 0 0		909 0 0	
	Total ...		42,506 0 0		43,858 0 0
5	Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	5,384 0 0	.....	4,784 0 0
	Grand Total	47,890 0 0	48,642 0 0
	Receipts.				
6	Sale-proceeds of old materials	663 0 0	187 0 0

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Incharge Supdt. of Works, P. W. Dept.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1916-17.

NAME OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1915-1916.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1916-1917.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
Communication Improvement Fund.				
<i>Original Works.</i>	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Conversion of bamboo bridges into semi-permanent bridges, 1914-15.	384 0 0		.....
Improvement of Jamaldaha Road ...	1,514 0 0		810 0 0	
Re-construction of bridge on Bura Teesta near Dewan-gunj.	8,866 0 0		.....
North approach road to Fushidewaghat ...	203 0 0		.....
Survey of new Road alignment ...	.....		7 0 0	
36th mile bridge on Emigration Road ...	.....		7,568 0 0	
Raising Road from Haldibari to Dewangunj ...	.....		837 0 0	
Corrugated Iron culverts in Taluk Latapata ...	.....		174 0 0	
Total Original Works ...	.....	10,967 0 0	.....	9,386 0 0
<i>Repairs.</i>				
Butxa Road ...	469 0 0		529 0 0	
Balarampur Feeder Road ...	789 0 0		888 0 0	
Cross road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi	726 0 0		768 0 0	
Ditto Dinhat to Mekligunj ...	897 0 0		834 0 0	
Ditto Patgram to Bhutal ...	512 0 0		512 0 0	
Changrabanda Feeder Road ...	707 0 0		615 0 0	
Chowdhurihat ditto ...	84 0 0		133 0 0	
Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar ...	4,306 0 0		4,162 0 0	
Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar ...	610 0 0		405 0 0	
Feeder Road from Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	464 0 0		828 0 0	
Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi ...	1,093 0 0		902 0 0	
Falacutta Road ...	160 0 0		89 0 0	
Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	757 0 0		726 0 0	
Ditto Baneswar to Natabari ...	202 0 0		89 0 0	
Inspection Bungalows ...	1,055 0 0		835 0 0	
Janaki Tewari Road ...	511 0 0		496 0 0	
Kashiabari Feeder Road ...	186 0 0		147 0 0	
Kakina Road with branches ...	870 0 0		827 0 0	
Katamari to Manabari Road ...	597 0 0		649 0 0	
Kristapur Road ...	105 0 0		13 0 0	
Lowkuti Road ...	1,484 0 0		1,272 0 0	
Manickgunj Feeder Road ...	207 0 0		128 0 0	
Metalled roads in the Town and Suburbs ...	3,269 0 0		3,141 0 0	
Purbabhang Road ...	290 0 0		213 0 0	
Ratherdanga Road ...	201 0 0		172 0 0	
Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti ...	331 0 0		719 0 0	
Ditto in the Suburbs ...	599 0 0		549 0 0	
Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga ...	457 0 0		343 0 0	
Road from Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	150 0 0		118 0 0	
Road from Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	257 0 0		220 0 0	
Road from Ghokshadanga to Shukhandighi ...	93 0 0		83 0 0	
Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat ...	193 0 0		244 0 0	
Road from Dewanhat to Chilkirhat ...	230 0 0		170 0 0	
Road from Dinhat to Buxirhat ...	335 0 0		895 0 0	
Road from Fulbari to Chilkiguri ...	194 0 0		269 0 0	
Road from Latkoberi to Chowdhurihat ...	285 0 0		311 0 0	
Road from Chilakhana to Bhatibari ...	200 0 0		187 0 0	
Road from Baneswar to Sukandighi via Pundibari ...	441 0 0		476 0 0	
Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat ...	1,318 0 0		483 0 0	
Road from Shahegunj to Bamonhat ...	115 0 0		133 0 0	
Rangpur Road ...	800 0 0		1,335 0 0	
Salbari Road ...	200 0 0		164 0 0	
Village Paths ...	2,485 0 0		2,709 0 0	
Repairs to Flood damages ...	895 0 0		4,882 0 0	
Diversion road for Dinhat Mekligunj road ...	198 0 0		.....
Carried over Total Repairs ...	.....	30,267 0 0	.....	33,203 0 0
Carried over Total Original Works ...	.....	10,967 0 0	.....	9,386 0 0

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

Q.—Abstract of Annual Expenditure for the Chaklajat Public Works for 1916-1917.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1915-16.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1916-17.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings ... ..	.....		1,500 0 0	.....
Total ...		.....		1,500 0 0
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings	3,917 0 0		3,060 0 0	
Communication	111 0 0		65 0 0	
Miscellaneous ... ..	.....		15 0 0	
Total ...		4,028 0 0		3,140 0 0
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Establishment including Contingency.	1,067 0 0		941 0 0	
Total ...		1,067 0 0		941 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ...		5,095 0 0		5,581 0 0

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Incharge Supdt. of Works, P. W. Dept.

TABLE T.

*Number of Major operations and their results performed in Sudder Hospital.
during the year 1916-17.*

Number of operations.	Names of diseases.	Cured.	Relieved or Otherwise.	Died.	Nature of operation done.
1	Abscess, Abdominal wall deep	...	1	...	Opened.
6	" Gluteal deep	...	6	...	Ditto.
1	" Ischiorectal	...	1	...	Ditto and scraped.
3	" Leg deep	...	3	...	Ditto.
1	" Lumbar	...	1	...	Ditto.
1	" Mammary	...	1	...	Ditto.
2	" Parotid	...	2	...	Ditto.
1	" Periosteal	...	1	...	Ditto.
3	" Thigh deep	...	3	...	Ditto.
1	" Calculus, urethral	...	1	...	Extracted.
4	Cataract	...	3	1	Lens removed.
2	Cellulitis Hand	...	2	...	Opened.
1	Dislocation, Elbow with fracture of coronoid process	...	1	...	Reduced.
1	Dislocation Hip	...	1	...	Ditto.
1	" Thumb	...	1	...	Ditto.
2	Elephantiasis Penis	...	2	...	Excised.
2	" Scrotum	...	2	...	Ditto.
3	" " and Penis...	...	3	...	Ditto.
1	Fracture, compound comminuted, Tibia & Fibula,	...	1	...	Leg amputated.
1	Gangreen, Leg	...	1	...	Thigh "
15	Hydrocele	...	15	...	Radically cured.
2	Hernia	...	2	...	Ditto.
1	Injury, Perineum	...	1	...	Opened and urethra stitched,
1	Necrosis, Tibia	...	1	...	Opened and scraped.
1	Sinus, Groin	...	1	...	Ditto.
1	" Leg	...	1	...	Ditto.
1	" Perinephric	...	1	...	Ditto.
1	" Thigh	...	1	...	Ditto.
1	Smashed finger	...	1	...	Amputated.
2	" hand	...	2	...	Arm amputated.
1	Suppurative Gland	...	1	...	Opened and scraped.
1	" Hydrocele	...	1	...	Opened.
1	" Knee	...	1	...	Ditto.
8	" Periostitis	...	8	...	Ditto.
2	Synovitis Knee	...	2	...	Ditto.
6	Tumours, benign	...	6	...	Removed.
Total		...	77	1	...

TABLE U.—Showing the number of prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.

DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	OUT-DOOR PATIENTS.		IN-DOOR PATIENTS.		RESULT OF TREATMENT OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS.					Total.	TOTAL OF OUT AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS.		
	1915-1916.	1916-17.	1915-1916.	1916-17.	Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged otherwise.	Died.	Remain- ing.		1915-16.	1916-17.	
GENERAL DISEASES.													
Small-pox ...	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Malarial fever ...	24,810	13,146	232	163	136	9	3	12	3	163	25,042	13,309	
Cholera ...	76	1	2	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	78	4
Rheumatic affections ...	1,259	1,051	13	12	7	3	2	.....	.....	12	1,272	1,063
Syphilitic ditto ...	111	173	28	32	15	10	6	.....	1	32	139	205
LOCAL DISEASES.													
Goitre ...	1,075	661	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,075	661
Respiratory affections ...	2,235	1,834	21	16	7	5	1	3	.....	16	2,256	1,850
Dysentery ...	927	694	39	29	17	5	1	5	1	29	966	723	
Diarrhoea ...	870	789	31	15	13	.....	.....	2	.....	15	901	804
Worms ...	922	682	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	922	683
Spleen ...	1,897	1,436	35	39	9	22	6	1	1	39	1,932	1,475	
Skin diseases ...	6,859	6,087	11	3	1	1	1	3	6,870	6,080	

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Civil Surgeon, Cooch Behar.

TABLE V.

Shewing the result of vaccination operations.

				1915-1916.	1916-1917.
Total vaccinated	...	...	...	28,211	40,019
Males	...	...	...	16,073	23,289
Females	...	...	...	12,188	16,750
Christians	...	...	...	.....	.....
Hindoos	...	...	...	19,119	25,057
Mahomedans	...	...	...	8,952	13,946
Other castes	...	...	...	140	1,016
Under one year	...	...	...	8,325	9,588
Above one year	...	...	...	19,886	30,481
SUCCESSFUL CASES.	Out of 4 points	4	...	9,074	8,140
		3	...	3,085	3,934
		2	...	4,647	10,244
		1	...	1,596	4,591
	Out of 2 points	2	...	4,916	5,564
		1	...	1,624	2,968
Unsuccessful	...	...	...	451	1,469
Unknown	...	...	...	2,818	3,109
Total successful cases	...	...	...	25,393	36,910
Percentage of do.	...	...	...	90.01	92.28

TABLE W.

Shows daily average population of the Jail and all particulars about the Hospital.

				1916-17.	1915-16.
1.	Daily average population	...	...	94.76	102.83
2.	Admission on account of sickness	...	...	86	102
3.	Average sick	...	...	1.80	1.63
4.	Deaths	...	...	2	.....
5.	Percentage of deaths	...	...	2.11	.....

TABLE X.

Showing the daily average strength of the Police and the Military and particulars about the Hospital.

YEAR.	Daily average of strength.	POLICE.			MILITARY.			Daily sick.
		Admission.	Death.	Daily sick.	Daily average of strength.	Admission.	Death.	
1916-17 ...	260.28	109	2.07	150.08	886	4.68
1915-16 ...	295.07	188	1	2.44	149.93	348	1	6.36

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Dispensaries.	Establishment.	Contingent charges.	Travelling allowances.	Postage.	Diet.	Clothing and bedding.	Furniture.	Disposal of the dead body.	Cost of station- and distributed to others.	Total expenditure.	Cost of medicines and each dist.	Cost of medicines purchased and to others.	Prescription fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles.	REMARKS.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Sudder Dispensary	10,135 0 0	836 0 0	487 0 0	.....	931 0 0	250 0 0	7 0 0	30 0 0	235 0 0	12,911 0 0	0 2 0	7,755 0 0	1,012 0 0	1,164 0 0	23 0 0	
Dinbata "	1,092 0 0	89 0 0	11 0 0	5 0 0	177 0 0	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....	1,378 0 0	0 2 6	.....	114 0 0	80 0 0	6 0 0	
Mathabhanga, "	1,547 0 0	88 0 0	17 0 0	6 0 0	233 0 0	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,992 0 0	2 11	.....	110 0 0	33 0 0	2 0 0	
Mekligunj "	1,212 0 0	34 0 0	9 0 0	3 0 0	67 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,328 0 0	2 10	.....	91 0 0	67 0 0	3 0 0	
Toofangunj "	792 0 0	54 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0	67 0 0	25 0 0	.....	2 0 0	.....	1,128 0 0	2 8	.....	34 0 0	21 0 0	1 0 0	
Haldibari "	1,872 0 0	68 0 0	33 0 0	5 0 0	110 0 0	.....	.....	7 0 0	.....	2,985 0 0	4 2	.....	18 0 0	74 0 0	3 0 0	
Shitalkhuchi, "	984 0 0	46 0 0	39 0 0	4 0 0	56 0 0	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,130 0 0	3 8	.....	1 0 0	9 0 0	.....
Nishigunj "	816 0 0	47 0 0	.....	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22,727 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sudder Dispensary	9,887 0 0	924 0 0	259 0 0	.....	1,119 0 0	72 0 0	62 0 0	49 0 0	173 0 0	12,545 0 0	2 1	7,859 0 0	972 0 0	1,303 0 0	27 0 0	
Dinbata "	1,231 0 0	103 0 0	75 0 0	5 0 0	162 0 0	.....	.....	12 0 0	.....	1,588 0 0	2 6	.....	166 0 0	159 0 0	2 0 0	
Mathabhanga, "	1,092 0 0	67 0 0	17 0 0	3 0 0	151 0 0	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,319 0 0	3 4	.....	129 0 0	202 0 0	2 0 0	
Mekligunj "	1,452 0 0	54 0 0	.....	4 0 0	48 0 0	8 0 0	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,567 0 0	1 9	.....	106 0 0	75 0 0	4 0 0	
Toofangunj "	972 0 0	37 0 0	35 0 0	2 0 0	74 0 0	21 0 0	.....	6 0 0	.....	1,145 0 0	2 10	.....	41 0 0	43 0 0	.....
Haldibari "	1,422 0 0	60 0 0	15 0 0	4 0 0	70 0 0	8 0 0	.....	5 0 0	.....	1,584 0 0	3 9	.....	15 0 0	60 0 0	2 0 0	
Shitalkhuchi, "	984 0 0	56 0 0	29 0 0	4 0 0	60 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,133 0 0	3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nishigunj "	816 0 0	45 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0	
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,746 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

RAINFALL Z.

MONTHS.	1907-08	1908-09	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	1916-17	Total.	Average.
April	11.94	1.42	9.20	2.44	8.10	7.18	1.92	8.03	3.18	12.98	66.29	6.63
May	14.65	22.52	16.55	20.33	18.38	11.64	14.02	9.86	25.25	25.92	184.12	18.41
June	22.84	28.36	52.00	64.04	32.19	19.74	33.14	25.48	13.45	38.52	311.76	31.17
July	57.19	23.32	18.07	52.74	41.53	37.80	33.98	7.77	18.56	52.23	343.19	34.31
August	30.18	7.79	19.80	19.74	16.75	25.62	13.95	35.22	26.67	17.56	213.27	21.32
September	48.81	35.03	15.87	18.63	27.58	20.57	37.18	20.70	12.67	34.18	271.12	27.11
October	2.67	1.72	9.87	13.64	25.87	6.75	6.53	3.07	5.79	6.46	82.27	8.22
November... ..	...	...	...	...	0.16	3.77	0.03	0.25	0.14	0.03	4.38	0.43
December	0.23	...	...	...	...	...	1.32	0.11	...	...	1.66	0.16
January	0.16	0.04	...	1.64	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	1.89	0.18
February	0.49	0.41	0.83	...	0.57	2.18	4.13	4.13	0.82	1.75	14.81	1.48
March	0.65	...	4.75	3.04	3.60	1.77	0.32	0.32	0.25	0.18	14.88	1.48
Total	189.81	125.61	146.44	178.04	174.78	137.01	146.52	115.94	106.78	189.81	1509.74	150.97

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FROM

• N. N. SEN, Esq., BAR-AT-LAW,

Dewan of the Cooch Behar State,

TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR

IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th October, 1917.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1916-17.

2. I had been in charge of the Department throughout the year.

SECTION I.—LAND REVENUE.

3. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 14,58,365 and together with an increase of Rs. 6,018 due to resettlement concluded with retrospective effect the arrear demand was Rs. 20,717. The total demand thus amounted to Rs. 14,89,082. The total collection was Rs. 14,65,299 but as it included *Tanfir* or excess payment of Rs. 3,099 relating to future period, the net collection for the year was Rs. 14,62,200. The total amount of remission granted was Rs. 1,014. The net amount credited against the total demand of Rs. 14,89,082 was Rs. 14,62,200 and Rs. 1,014 or Rs. 14,63,214. The recoverable balance was, therefore, Rs. 25,868. The following table compares the figures for the last 8 years :—

YEAR.	DEMAND.						BALANCE.					REMARKS.
	Haf or current demand.	Bokepa or arrears demand.			Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	Out of arrears demand.	Out of current demand.	Total.			
		Amount of balance shown in the statement for the previous year.	Increase.	Total arrears demand.								
										Grand total of demand.		
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
1900-1910 ..	14,00,444	18,349	1,916	20,369	14,20,709	14,14,413	1,652	2,076	16,355	19,331	4,687	
1910-1911 ..	14,08,408	19,331	2,766	22,097	14,36,506	14,08,026	2,892	6,224	12,360	19,584	4,002	
1911-1912 ..	14,08,333	19,584	1,377	20,961	14,39,294	14,12,078	2,728	6,193	16,682	19,375	4,967	
1912-1913 ..	14,16,668	19,375	5,033	24,908	14,41,471	14,24,015	2,062	5,816	14,803	20,619	5,326	
1913-1914 ..	14,19,003	20,619	1,365	21,984	14,40,987	14,29,047	2,166	5,306	9,283	14,488	4,704	
1914-1915 ..	14,31,614	14,488	4,516	19,004	14,50,618	14,32,728	2,172	4,700	14,610	19,360	2,642	
1915-1916 ..	14,35,787	19,360	1,807	21,167	14,56,954	14,33,406	1,133	2,355	21,314	24,699	4,244	
1916-1917 ...	14,58,365	20,717	6,018	20,717	14,59,082	14,65,299	1,014	10,280	15,536	25,868	2,099	

4. From the details in Statement I and II, appended to this report, which refer to Mal and Debutter it will be observed that as compared with 1915-16 the gross increase in the current demand amounted to Rs. 27,936 and the gross decrease to Rs. 5,299 resulting in a net increase of Rs. 22,637. For the sake of convenience of reference the different items of increase and decrease are shewn in juxtaposition in the following table :—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of time-expired jotes ...	1,289	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes ... Rs. 478		
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of relinquished jotes, Rs. 258 ...		Decrease due to declaration of Khas under Sec. 19 of the Sale Act ... Rs. 142	948	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Khas jotes and other Khas lands in the ordinary way, Rs. 1,408.	2,954	Decrease due to diluvion, Rs. 209		
		Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes Rs. 119.		
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of certain Jotes at the proper rate of assessment Rs. 1,288.		Decrease due to revision of settlement ...	6	
Increase obtained by the grant of a Mokarri right	83	Decrease due to transfer of lands from the State to Government at the demarcation of Boundary of a Taluk ...	39	
Increase due to rectification of mistakes in the Towji ...	35			
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Syrat Mehals ...	23,575	Decrease due to falling off of revenue from Syrat Mehals ...	4,306	
Total increase ...	27,936	Total decrease ...	5,299	
Deduct Total decrease ...	5,299			
Net increase ...	22,637			

5. Of all the sources of revenue that contributed to the increase the Syrat Mehals presented the highest percentage. The amount of net increase obtained was Rs. 19,269 against Rs. 1,995 of the previous year. This large increase was due to the introduction in the year under report of revised *Nirikhnama* for Hâts. As stated in the last report, the new schedule of tolls for Hâts was not enforced until a year had elapsed after its adoption so that the widest publicity might be given to the change in the rates. Despite the depression in the trade which the great European War had entailed, the Hâts as the necessary resort of all purchasers, especially of things which are the barest necessities of existence, did not suffer to that extent as the scarcity of foreign commodities through difficulty of importation rendered it likely. Besides the continuance of the War did not affect those centres which were the emporiums of trade in articles necessary for existence.

6. During the year under notice a revision of the *Taujis* of Jalas was started. The *Dehabundies* which were prepared in 1872 were based upon conditions of things that were found to exist at the time. As changes incidental to upheaval and depression had occurred during the long period that had since elapsed, it was found necessary to prepare new *Dehabundies* with new maps and descriptive boundaries so that there might be no confusion regarding the identity of Jalas at the time of the settlement. The settlement papers that are in the course of preparation necessarily formed the basis for comparison and correction. Local inspection of Jalas especially of those which fetched insufficient or no bids in the sales, was made. The work of revision would take about 2 years in completion. As it is intended to base the description of the Jalas upon the settlement papers that are being prepared, the work would necessarily follow the completion of the Settlement Operations. Such scrutiny and inspection as became necessary in the course of the revision were not without their effect upon the settlement.

7. The next item of increase is the amount of Rs. 1,289 obtained by the resettlement of what is called "time-expired Jotes." When these Jotes are first settled, they are settled for 10 years and generally classed as Laik Patit or culturable waste and are assessed at the rate of two annas per Bigha only. The productive capacity of these new formations rapidly increases and when the period for which they were originally settled expires, they are re-assessed and necessarily at higher rates. The amount of increase in 1915-16 was Rs. 1,135. The increase obtained during the year under review was the highest ever attained. The amount increase obtained from re-assessment during the last 10 years is shown below :—

YEARS.	Rs.
1907-08	311
1908-09	428
1909-10	230
1910-11	470
1911-12	627
1912-13	1,203 ✓
1913-14	957 ✓
1914-15	1,202
1915-16	1,135
1916-17	1,289

8. As shewn in the table under paragraph 4, the increase obtained by the settlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes and other Khas lands as well as by the re-settlement of certain Jotes at the proper rate of assessment amounted to Rs. 2,954 as against Rs. 1,951 of the year previous. It was in excess of the decrease due to abandonment (Rs. 478) and resumption of bad Jotes (Rs. 142) as also of the loss in revenue on account of diluvion (Rs. 20.) and aquisition of land for public purposes (Rs. 119) by Rs. 2,006.

9. The collections for the year under report amounted to Rs. 14,65,299. They exceeded the current demand by Rs. 6,934, the collections for 1915-16 by Rs. 29,893 and the average collections for the previous 5 years by Rs. 38,634. The following table compares the collections in each Sub-divisional office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	DEMAND.			Amount collected.	Percentage of collection on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.				
Sudder ...	Rs. 2,97,247	Rs. 3,781	Rs. 3,01,028	Rs. 2,95,713	97.48	Rs. 6,024	2.1
	1916-17 3,02,871	10,784	3,13,655	3,05,776	100.09	8,698	2.7
Tufangunj ...	1915-16 1,85,488	4,251	1,89,734	1,87,273	100.96	2,226	1.1
	1916-17 1,88,852	2,748	1,91,600	1,87,921	99.50	3,698	1.9
Mekligunj ...	1915-16 2,16,966	1,888	2,18,854	2,15,965	99.54	3,543	1.6
	1916-17 2,23,958	3,747	2,27,705	2,24,804	100.33	3,249	1.4
Mathabhangra ...	1915-16 4,07,909	7,939	4,15,848	4,08,214	100.06	9,420	2.2
	1916-17 4,09,502	9,920	4,19,422	4,13,848	100.93	6,560	1.5
Dinhata ...	1915-16 3,28,122	3,265	3,31,387	3,28,241	100.04	3,443	1.0
	1916-17 3,33,182	3,518	3,36,700	3,33,450	100.08	3,662	1.0
Total ...	1915-16 14,85,727	21,124	14,56,851	14,35,406	99.9	24,656	1.6
	1916-17 14,58,865	30,717	14,89,582	14,65,299	100.18	25,868	1.7

The percentage of collection increased in all the Sub-divisions save at Tufangunj, there has been an increase in the balance from Rs. 24,656 in 1915-16 to Rs. 25,868 in the year under report.

As shewn in the table in paragraph 3, the balance at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 24,699, while that brought forward in the accounts for the year under report was Rs. 30,717 shewing an increase of Rs. 6,018 which was due to settlements concluded with retrospective effect. Details are shewn in the following table:—

			Rs.
<i>Details regarding balance shewn at the close of 1915-16.</i>	1.	Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1915-16	24,699
	2.	Ditto collected during 1916-17	17,531
	3.	Ditto remitted during 1916-17	947
	4.	Balance at the close of 1916-17	6,818
	5.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 4	500
<i>Details regarding balance entered in the Towji during 1916-17 owing to retrospective settlements.</i>	6.	Amount of balance entered in the Towji for 1916-17	6,018
	7.	Ditto collected during 1916-17	2,134
	8.	Ditto remitted during 1916-17	122
	9.	Balance at the close of 1916-17	3,462
	10.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 9	.....
	11.	Total balance shewn against headings 4 and 9	10,280
	12.	Total amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against headings 11	500

As shewn in the above table, the amount remitted out of the arrear demand was Rs. 469, which together with Rs. 545 written off out of the current demand made up a total Rs. 1,014 which represents 106 per cent of the total demand. The remission was due almost entirely to dilution and acquisition of land for public purposes.

10. There was an increase of 19 Jotes and the total number shewn on the revenue rolls was 25,795 against 25,776 of the previous year. 5,017 Jotes were advertised for sale for recovery of arrears of revenue, out of which 463 were actually sold and the number of cases in which the sale was annulled was 85. The amount of penalties realised was Rs. 3,863, of which Rs. 774 was paid to the auction purchasers.

11. There were 1092 cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act, of which 961 cases were disposed of and 131 cases remained pending. The recoveries amounted to Rs. 83,569.

12. *Canoonges.*—As in previous year. Some of the Canoongoes had to be deputed to the Settlement Department. Babus Rasik Chandra Gupta, Suresh Chandra Das Gupta and Pauri Lal Dey worked at the Sudder, at Mathabhangra and Tufangunj respectively. Babu Jyotish Chandra Das Gupta continued to be employed at Dinbata and Munshi Giasuddin Ahmed at Mekligunj.

Together with 78 cases pending from the previous year the total number for enquiry by the Canoongoes during the year under report was 1288 against 1261 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 27 cases only. Enquiries were completed in 1,149 cases and 23 cases were returned without enquiry. 116 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The number of cases enquired into in each Sub-division is shewn below:—

	Total for enquiry.	Enquired into.	Returned without enquiry.
Sudder	270	217	7
Tufangunj	285	233	11
Mekligunj	287	275	...
Mathabhangra	222	213	...
Dinbata	224	211	5
Total	1,288	1,149	23

Besides the work shewn above, the Canoongoes visited a large number of Hâts and Ghâts, enquired into the condition of boundary pillars and assisted the Naib Ahilkars in various other matters.

13. *Revenue cases.*—Owing to transfer, to the Settlement Department, of cases involving survey and measurement of lands there was a further falling off in the institutions, the number for the year under report being 2756 against 3274 of the previous year. Together with 440 cases pending at the close of 1915-16, the total number for disposal was 3196 of which 2708 were disposed of and 488 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The following table shews the distribution of work in the Sub-divisional officers during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Year.	Total for disposal.	Disposed of.
Sudder	1915-16	1,129	1,025
	1916-17	779	649
Tufangunj	1915-16	787	707
	1916-17	695	573
Mekligunj	1915-16	423	353
	1916-17	444	352
Mathabhanga	1915-16	905	831
	1916-17	728	648
Dinhata	1915-16	634	522
	1916-17	550	486

14. *Cases in which the State is a party:*—As in 1915-16 Babu Satis Chandra Banerjee, B. L., worked as a State Pleader throughout the year under report.

An application for a succession certificate filed by one Foyezkhan regarding the debts due to one Baram Khan deceased was the only case in which the State was a party during the year under report. The case is still pending.

15. *Nazarat.*—The following comparative table shews the work done by this Department during the last 2 years :—

YEAR.	Process served free of charge.	Process for realisation of arrears of revenue for which fees are realised afterwards.	Process for which fees have been realised.	Total number of process.	Amount of earnings.	Expenditure.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1915-1916	3,640	1,557	9,098	14,295	8,864 10 0	7,048 0 0
1916-1917	8,894	1,683	10,207	15,784	9,392 12 0	6,995 14 0

Owing to increase in cases the total number of processes rose from 14,295 in the previous year to 15,784 in the year under report, resulting in an increase of Rs. 528-2 in the earnings of the Department. This exceeds the expenditure by Rs. 2,396-14 which was the net gain to the State during the year.

Babu Kali Kumar Chatterjee, Nazir, discharged his duties satisfactorily.

16. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—The current demand during the year under notice was Rs. 1,936. The demand of the year previous was the same. The arrears amounted to Rs. 91 against Rs. 76 of the year previous. The total demand was, therefore, Rs. 2,033 as against Rs. 2,012 of the year previous. Rs. 2,006 was collected during the year against Rs. 1,964 of the year previous. The amount of excess collection or collection made against future demand was Rs. 50 against Rs. 49 of the year previous. The collection made during the year exceeded the current demand by Rs. 70. A remission of Rs. 4 was made, and there was a balance of Rs. 73 at the end of the year. During the year under report it was deemed desirable to revise the law regarding levy of cess and a new Bill is under consideration.

17. *Crops and Condition of people.*—During the year under report the rain-fall registered at the Sudder Station rose to 189·16 inches and was in excess of that of the year previous by 76·67 inches and was above the average by 30 inches. Details are given in the margin* showing how it was distributed over the year. Rains in April and May retarded weeding operations and impeded the sowing of jute. The unusually heavy rain-fall in July did some harm to the jute crop by arresting its growth. The outturn of Bitri and Jute was below the average. The outturn was not the same in all the Sub-divisions; Bitri varying from 12 to 16 annas and jute from 6 to 14 annas. The price of jute ranged from Rs. 6 to Rs. 12 during the year.

18. The Haiknanti was a bumper crop in the year under review. The high lands were brought under cultivation in June and July and the low lands in August. The outturn was over an average and the price, too, was not comparatively low. It ranged between Rs. 3 and Rs. 6.

19. The showers in September and October retarded the transplantation of tobacco seedlings. In March last a severe hail-storm passed over the land, and as the area of visitation was limited, the damage done to tobacco was inconsiderable.

20. The Mustard seeds were an excellent crop in the Tufangunj Sub-division and the price ranged between Rs. 4 and Rs. 7 a maund.

21. The successive good harvests which growers of paddy reaped and the reasonable prices which paddy and tobacco fetched, improved the material condition of the people. Public health, except for Small-pox in the Sub-divisions and sporadic cases of Cholera, was generally good.

22. *Emigration.*—The following table shews the details for each Sub-division :—

			Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	...	...	9	13
Tufangunj	...	...	7	23
Mekligunj	...	...	96	35
Dinhata	...	...	47	50
Mathabhangra	...	...	...	36
Total	...	...	159	157

23. *Tour.*—I was away from Head-quarters for 82 days I had to proceed to Calcutta, Bengalore and Delhi. On my way back from Delhi, I inspected the Chhatra and the State houses at Benares. The camps of the Assistant Settlement Officers at Bhangni and Mekligunj were also visited and the work done at these camps inspected. I had the honor to accompany your Highness to Tufangunj, to open the Higher English School which is named after your father.

The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar is shewn in the following table :—

			Total No. of days.	No. of nights passed in the interior.
SUDDER.				
Mr. S. Ghosh	...	...	3	...
TUFANGUNJ.				
„ Rajani Kanta Bhowmick	...	...	22	2
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta	...	...	41	22
MEKLGUNJ.				
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh	...	...	53	33
„ Uma Nath Dutt	...	...	8	...
MATHABHANGA.				
„ Ashutosh Ghosh	...	...	18	7
„ Uma Nath Dutt	...	...	9	...
DINHATA.				
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee	...	...	1	...
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta	...	...	2	...
„ Rajani Kanta Bhowmik	...	...	28	10
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal	...	...	1	...

24. *Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—There were 17 Estates under the management of the Court of Wards at the close of 1915-16. During the year under report 3 small Estates came under its management, while two big Estates which had been taken charge of under the Encumbered Estates Act was released during the year. It should be kept on record that the formal release was made after the expiration of the year. The Estates that remained under the management of the Court of Wards were 18 in number. The following comparative table shews the result of management for the last two years :—

	17 Estates 1915-16.	Deduct figures for the 2 Estates released.	Net for 1915-16.	15 Estates 1916-17.	Add figures for 3 new Estates taken charge of.	Total columns 4 and 5.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Current demand of State revenue and of rents due to superior landlords
Arrear demand of rents due to the Estates
Current demand of rents due to the Estates
Rent collections
Miscellaneous receipts
Disbursements including cost of management
Investments
Debts incurred by the Estates
Cash in hand

The slight increase in State Revenue and rents due to superior land-lords is chiefly attributed to settlement of Payasti lands and to increase in *jama* of time-expired jotes. It is for the same reason and also owing to the inclusion of a larger amount of interest on rents due from under-tenants that the current demand of rents rose from Rs. 84,647 in 1915-16 to Rs. 85,645 in the year under report. There was an increase of Rs. 4,865 in rent collections. Thus the collections amounted to 90 per cent. of the current and to 35 per cent. of the total demand. It will be seen that there was an increase of Rs. 11,209 during the year under report in debts incurred by the Estates. This was chiefly attributable to a loan of Rs. 11,500 granted by the State to the Estate of Ahmed Hossain Prodhan and others, so that the amount might be advanced as loan to the Estate of Umananda Roy which was taken over under the control of the Court of Wards during the year under notice.

25. *Character of officers.*—All the subordinate officers discharged their duties satisfactorily. My office also worked well.

SECTION II.—SETTLEMENT.

26. The Settlement Department remained under my direct supervision and control during the year under report. Messrs I. B. De Majumdar, A. Dutt and A. Ahmed continued to work as Assistant Settlement Officers in connection with the Cadastral Survey operations.

27. During the year under report the remaining portions of Pargannahs Dinhata and Tufangunj were completed. The table given below shews the work done in this department:—

Description of work.	Graphical units of work.	Origin used.	No. of main circuits.	No of sub-circuits.	Number of villages.	No. of azimuths observed.	Linear mile of new chaining.	No. of angles observed.	No. of G.T.S. connected.	STATION MARKS..					Total.
										Trijunction ma- soury pillars in the State.	Stone prisms at stations where C. B. Territory sejoins Br. Ind.	Galvanised Cy- linders.	Peg-marking.		
Dinhata .. { and Tufangunj .. {	Lat: 25-58-26-14 Long: 29-21-29-40 Lat: 26-09-26-29 Long: 83 81-89-58	Lat: 26-30 Long: 89-30	2	15	63	16	584	2753	..	126	Nil.	3	2624	2627	

28. Besides the ordinary Traverse calculations and sets-up, 425 sheets to the scale of 16'-1 mile were plotted in respect of 185 Taluks and the same number of Khakas prepared in respect of the same number of villages in Pargannahs Dinhata and Tufangunj.

29. The tables given below shew the distribution of work amongst the three Assistant Settlement Officers and the quantity of work done by each of them:—

I.—KISTWAR.

Circle No.	Name of Circle Officer.	Name of Pargunah.	Area cadastrally surveyed in sq. miles.	PARTIAL IN LINEAR MILES.			
				By Circle officer	By Head Caunongoe.	By Halka officer.	By all officers.
I	Mr. I.B. De Majumdar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
II	Mr. A. T. Dutt ...	Dinhata ...	207.77	19.33	.....	698.68	718.01
	Total ...	.....	207.77	19.33	.....	698.68	718.01
III	Mr. A. Ahmed ...	Tufangunj ...	177.57	14.85	13.84	455.12	483.81
	Total ...	.....	177.57	14.85	13.84	455.12	483.81
	Grand total ...	.....	385.34	34.18	13.84	1153.80	1201.82

II.—KHANAPURI.

Circle Number.	Name of Circle Officer.	Name of Pergunah	Area and No. of plots Khanapuried.		No. of plots partialled.			
			Sq. miles.	Plots.	By Asstt. Settlement Officer.	By Head Canoongoe	By Halka Officer.	By all Officers.
I	Mr. I. B. De Majumdar.	Rahimgunj Tel- dhar and a portion of Mekligunj ...	96.98	1,92,974	472	.....	2,16,275	2,16,747
	Total ...	.....	96.98	1,92,974	472	.....	2,16,275	2,16,747
II	Mr. A. T. Dutt	Lalbazar ... Dinhata ...	175.44 190	2,90,894 8,94,353	1,679 .....	..... .....	3,41,258 1,35,544	3,42,937 1,35,544
	Total ...	.....	365.44	6,85,247	1,679	.....	4,76,802	4,78,481
III	Mr. A. Ahmed	Mekligunj ... Tufangunj ...	73.94 161.14	1,59,165 2,84,024	1,080 3,275	2,174 1,261	26,960 99,606	30,214 1,04,142
	Total ...	.....	235.08	4,43,189	4,355	3,435	1,26,566	1,34,356
	Grand total ...	.....	697.50	13,21,410	6,506	3,435	8,19,643	8,29,584

30. It will be seen that Kistwar was completed in respect of 385.34 square miles and 679.50 square miles were Khanapuried. The area of land kistward shewn above does not include the Reserve Forest in Tufangunj and the area under big rivers. The Kistwar of the whole of the Cooch Behar State was completed by the close of the year under report except a few chit lands whose area will be but a small portion of a square mile. The area khanapuried during the year under report shows the work done in the field season of 1915-16 (April, May, June) and the work done in the field season of 1916-17 (up to March 1917).

31. The table given below shews the work done in connection with the preparation of papers :—

DRAWING SECTION.

Nos. of Taluks and sheets of which the boundary has been checked and passed.	No. of Taluks ...	...	438
	No. of sheets ...	...	727
No. of Taluks and sheets of which margins and boundaries have been compared and inked.	No. of Taluks ...	...	428
	No. of sheets ...	...	681
Touching up with numbers ...	No. of Taluks ...	...	93
	No. of sheets ...	...	173
	No. of dags ...	...	2,10,099
No. of sheets and Taluks in which alamat have been put.	No. of Taluks ...	...	14
	No. of sheets ...	...	29
	No. of plots ...	...	35,860
Printing of heading and adjoining Taluk names and North line.	Nil.		

AREA SECTION.

	No. of Taluks.	No. of fields.
Area extracted ...	356	4,78,975
Means and Badars completed ...	361	5,18,559
Totals completed...	1st Total ...	5,18,559
	2nd Total ...	5,18,559
Offsets extracted...	1st offset ...	4,78,975
	2nd offset ...	4,78,975
Area passed ...	356	4,78,975
Area converted into local units ...	351	4,59,659

KHASRA SECTION.

Area entered into Khasra, and ...	No. of Taluks.	No. of fields
Khatian.	7	10,864
Khatians jaunched ...	{ Legal Illegal}	11,728 5,248
Terij completed ...	Nil.	

MOUZMILI SECTION.

	No. of Taluks	No. of fields.
Preparation of Copies of Jotewar Register ...	2	50
Preparation of Taluk-mil statements ...	77	1,695
Preparation of Mouzmili traces ...	4	225

32. The total expenditure incurred in connection with the Settlement operations during the year under report was Rs. 1,50,738-7-10 of which Rs. 12,220-8-1 was on account of the Traverse Survey.

SECTION III.—EXCISE REVENUE.

33. There was a further falling off from Rs. 85,356 in 1915-16 to Rs. 78,788 in the year of report in the Jama for outstills. But there were increases in consumption of Gunja and Opium resulting in increase in collection of duty on these two drugs. The current demand of Excise Revenue for the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,84,036 against Rs. 1,84,025 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 11. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 5,526 the total demand was Rs. 1,89,562. The collection amounted to Rs. 1,77,566 out of the current and Rs. 3,305 out of the arrear demand or a total of Rs. 1,80,871 under the two heads. Details are shewn in the statement hereto appended. The total population of the State according to the last Census of 1911 being 5,93,052, the incidence of Excise Revenue per head of population was 4 annas and 10.55 pies.

34. The table given below compares the collections in each Sub-divisional Office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1916-1917.			Total collections for 1916-1917.			Total collections for 1915-1916.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder ...	59,778	0	0	59,778	0	0	60,823	0	0
Tufangunj ...	27,522	0	0	27,522	0	0	27,815	0	0
Mekligunj ...	28,933	0	0	28,933	0	0	26,725	0	0
Manthabhanga ...	31,831	0	0	29,611	0	0	28,454	0	0
Dinhata ...	41,498	0	0	35,027	0	0	36,217	0	0
Total ...	1,89,562	0	0	1,80,871	0	0	1,79,534	0	0

35. It will be seen that excepting at the Sudder and at Dinhata the collections increased everywhere, although the total increase in collections was only Rs. 1,337. This increase in collections was due to realisations out of the arrear demand.

36. The variations under each head of Revenue are explained below :—

- (a) *Country Spirit*.—Settlements were concluded in previous years at high Jamas and there was a combination amongst rival bidders when the settlement for the year under report was concluded. There was consequently a further decrease in the demand which resulted in a decrease of collections from Rs. 80,646 to Rs. 75,461.
- (b) *Imported Spirit*.—The license fees amounted to Rs. 510 against Rs. 564 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 54. This was chiefly due to surrender. There was a collection of Rs. 10 on account of importation of denatured spirit. As compared with the year previous there was a decrease in consumption from 1,099 bottles in 1915-16 to 1,057 in the year under review resulting in a decrease of collection from duty which was Rs. 396-6 as against Rs. 412-2 of the preceding year.

(c) *Gunya*.—Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 162 the total demand on account of license fees was Rs. 33,309. The amount collected was also Rs. 33,309 against Rs. 35,997 of the previous year. The consumption amounted to 65 Maunds 21 Seers and 14½ Chattaks and it was in excess of that for the previous year by 10 Maunds 25 Seers and 10½ Chattaks. There was a corresponding increase in collections on account of duty which rose from Rs. 43,929-12 in 1915-16 to Rs. 52,438-4 in the year of report. The increase in consumption is chiefly due to the increased paying capacity of the people during the year.

(d) *Opium*.—The consumption of Opium amounted to 9 Maunds and 22 Seers and it was in excess of that for the previous year by 1 Maund and 23 Seers. The collection from duty during the year consequently rose from Rs. 12,760 of the year previous to Rs. 15,280. There was, however a small decrease, of Rs. 289 in the license fees which amounted to Rs. 3,217.

37. There were four cases under the Excise Laws. All of them ended in conviction.

SECTION IV.—TREASURY AND STAMP REVENUE.

38. The charge of the Treasury remained with Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi from the beginning of the year to the 29th September 1916 and with Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal from the 30th September to the end of November 1916. Mr. S. Ghosh was in charge for the remaining period of the year.

39. The opening and closing balances of the Treasury for the year under report are shewn below :—

		Opening balance.		Closing balance.	
		Rs.		Rs.	
Cooch Behar State	7,90,092	...	6,27,808
Funds and Deposits...	2,25,300	...	2,53,811
Government of India	1,41,509	...	2,31,673
Total	11,56,901	...	11,13,292

40. The aforesaid closing balances of the Cooch Behar State and of the Funds and Deposits are subject to corrections necessitated by adjustments effected in the Accountant-General's Office.

41. The total receipts entered in the Treasury accounts amounted to Rs. 49,41,466 and the disbursements to Rs. 49,85,075 against Rs. 46,93,328 and Rs. 48,62,797 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 2,48,138 under receipts and of Rs. 1,22,278 under disbursements. Full details regarding these figures will be found in the Accountant-General's Report.

42. The amount of currency notes received in the Treasury was Rs. 26,34,890 and that of notes issued Rs. 30,07,715 against Rs. 28,81,670 and Rs. 25,76,855 respectively for the previous year. There was thus a decrease of Rs. 2,46,780 in receipts and an increase of Rs. 4,30,860 in the issue, which may chiefly be attributed to large payments made in notes on account of outstanding bills.

43. The total Stamp Revenue during the year under report amounted to Rs. 5,44,833-14 against Rs. 3,42,452-9-6 of the previous year shewing an increase of Rs. 2,02,381-4-6. This increase was due to the sale of the two-rupee Stamp introduced in connection with the Settlement Operations going on in the State. In paragraphs 26, 27 and 37 of this office Annual Report for

1915-16 the necessity dictating the introduction of such a stamp has been fully dealt with. Commission to Stamp-vendors amounting to Rs. 10,701-8-9 had to be paid out of the amount. The net revenue credited in the accounts was, therefore, Rs. 5,34,132-10-3. The receipts for the last two years are compared in the following table :—

Denomination of stamps.	Receipts.		Difference.		Remarks.
	1916-17.	1915-16.	Increase.	Decrease.	
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Judicial Stamps...	4,14,049 8 0	2,26,175 9 6	1,87,873 14 6	.....
Documentary „ ...	56,080 0 0	53,076 0 0	2,954 0 0	.....
Court-fee „ ...	61,521 10 0	50,241 8 0	11,280 2 0	.....
Copying-fee „ ...	5,546 13 0	5,960 4 0	.....	418 7 0	
Adhesive „ ...	5,679 3 0	5,067 0 0	612 3 0	.....
Cartridge paper ...	1,371 0 0	1,376 10 0	.....	5 10 0	
Miscellaneous	635 12 0	555 10 0	80 2 0	.....
					Net increase.
					Rs. A. P.
Total ...	5,44,833 14 0	3,42,452 9 6	2,02,800 5 6	419 1 0	2,02,381 4 6

44. The sale of two-rupee stamps for petitions to be filed in the Settlement Office, referred to above, is included under Judicial Stamps in the above table. It amounted to Rs. 2,54,902 as being the value of 1,27,451 pieces sold during the year. Deducting this amount from the total of Rs. 4,14,049-8 under Judicial Stamps, the actual sale on account of these stamps was Rs. 1,59,147-8 which exceeded that for 1915-16 by Rs. 15,457-14-6. There were also increases under other heads as shewn in the table and the total gross increase was Rs. 30,384-5-6 which was chiefly attributable to increase in ordinary petitions &c, filed in the Settlement Department. There were slight decreases under copying-fee stamps and cartridge paper. The total amount of decrease was Rs. 419-1 which being deducted from the gross increase of Rs. 30,384-5-6 referred to above, left a balance of Rs. 29,965-4-6 as representing the amount of net increase on account of sale of ordinary stamps during the year under report.

45. As shewn in the foregoing table, the Stamp Revenue for the year under report amounted to Rs. 5,44,833-14. Deducting Rs. 2,54,902 obtained by the sale of the two-rupee stamps specially introduced for Settlement Operations, the receipts on account of ordinary stamps amounted to Rs. 2,89,931-14. The incidence of Stamp Revenue per head of population was thus 7-82 annas only, the population of the State as ascertained in the last Census in 1911 being 5,93,052.

SECTION V.—STATE CEREMONIAL AND DEBUTTER DEPARTMENT.

46. *Maharaja and family.*—The Annaprasan and Namkaran ceremonies of His Highness the Jubaraj were celebrated on the 15th of December 1916 with great festivity amid general rejoicing. In the city and principal towns, houses were decorated, streets were illuminated, the poor were fed and alms distributed.

47. The anniversary of the demise of His Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G.C.I.E., C.B., was celebrated as in previous years with due solemnity on the 18th September. Special prayers were

offered in front of the Samadhi where the residents of the town assembled in large numbers.

48. During the year under report Your Highness was appointed to be Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India and was invested with the insignia of the order.

49. In November, Your Highness attended the conference of Indian Chiefs at Delhi and when returning to Cooch Behar visited the Cooch Behar houses in the City of Benares.

50. On the 15th day of February 1917, His Excellency Lord Carmichael of Skirling, G. C. I. E., K. C. M. G., Governor of Bengal was graciously pleased to open the Charnichael Ward of the Cooch Behar Hospital.

51. *The State Ceremonial Department.*—The amount disbursed by the Ceremonial Department on account of allowance to Rajguns, Brahmins, poor students and others, donations and subscriptions to Charitable Institutions and cost of establishment was Rs. 88,702 against Rs. 61,694 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 27,008 which was chiefly due to expenditure provided under "Unforeseen" of the State Ceremonial Department on account of celebration of the Annaprasan Ceremony of the Jubaraj. Besides the above expenditure, subscriptions &c., amounting to Rs. 6,351 were paid direct from the Treasury.

52. In the Debutter Department the total disbursements amounted to Rs. 38,137 against Rs. 36,341 of the previous year. The increase in expenditure was mainly due to construction charges of tin-sheds for the clay figures exhibited during the Rash Jatra festival.

53. Educational allowances were granted to 49 students during the year under report. Of these 18 were natives of the State. Of the stipendiaries, one passed the U. P., one M. E., one I. A. and one B. A. Examination.

54. The daily average number of patients attending the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary was 42.90 against 47.78 of the previous year. The decrease is attributed to the comparatively healthy condition of the year.

55. The Ayurvedic Medical Garden is gradually becoming a regular source of supply of shrubs and plants for medicinal purposes.

56. Your Highness was pleased to hold the Pooneah Durbar on the 20th April 1916.

57. All the Poojahs and Periodical ceremonies were duly performed. The congregation during Rash Jatra festival was larger than usual.

58. Two thousand seven hundred sixty-eight persons received food at the Anandamoyee Dharmasala. The Thakurbaries in the town of Cooch Behar fed 45,771 with a daily average of 125.4 persons.

59. *Benares*—The Agent disbursed Rs. 12,671 against Rs. 13,194 of the previous year on account of allowances of persons residing there and in maintaining the Thakurbaries and the Chhatra as also the houses owned by Your Highness. The number of persons who received meals at the Chhatra were 41,141.

SECTION VI—MISCELLANEOUS.

60. *Bunders.*—Owing to the great European War there was marked depression in trade and the condition of tradesmen was sensibly affected in 1914-15 and 1915-16. But successive good harvests in nearly all the staple products except Jute, lightened the weight of burden to some extent. Tobacco, paddy and mustard-seeds fetched good price during the year under report. But the trade in Jute continued dull as before. Like all centres of Jute trade Haldibari suffered. Although activity in smaller and less important centres, especially those where necessities of existence are largely sold, had partially revived, the big emporiums of trade did not improve. At Haldibari therefore the total number of carts of all sorts brought to the Bunder was 55,025 against 63,863 of the previous year showing a decrease of 8,838 carts, the decrease under Jute carts alone being 8,237. The average weight carrying

capacity of a cart being 10 maunds, there was a decrease of 88,380 maunds brought to the Bunder. The number of carts carrying gunny also came down from 369 to 283 and those carrying tobacco from 3,762 to 3,638. The decrease in the number of carts accounts for the decrease in the collection of tolls which amounted to Rs. 6,889-8 against Rs. 7,991-2 of the previous year. As regards expenditure also the amount rose to Rs. 1,314-4-5 from Rs. 1,260-13. The net gain to the State was therefore Rs. 5,575-3-7. The decline in the Jute and Tobacco trade was also noticeable as regards the Calicagunj Bunder at Mathabhanga. 5,457 maunds of Jute and 33,704 maunds of tobacco were imported into the Bunder against 9,117 and 35,263 maunds respectively of the previous year.

61. *Fairs*.—The total collection of tolls at the Gadadhar, Fulbari and the Mekligunj fairs as also at the Rash-Mela in the town of Cooch Behar amounted to Rs. 1,816 against Rs. 1,338 of the previous year. There were also fairs held at Dinhata and Haldibari as usual. But the collections at these two fairs are made by the Town Committees.

62. *Cooch Behar Town*.—The current demand of Land Revenue in the town rose from Rs. 24,042 to Rs. 26,040 in the year of report. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 1,207 the total demand was Rs. 27,247 out of which Rs. 25,185 was collected. But inclusive of an excess payment of Rs. 36 the total collection amounted to Rs. 25,221 and Rs. 69 was written off. The balance at the close of the year was Rs. 1,993.

I have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servant,

NAKENDRA NATH SEN,

Deewan of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1916-1917.

NAME OF MEHAL.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Mehals.	Rs. A. P. 32 15 4	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 32 15 4	Rs. A. P. 32 15 4	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 32 15 4	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates not permanently settled ..	1,07,563 32 6	68 4 10	1,07,532 1 4	1,07,275 4 9	68 4 10	1,07,343 9 7	.....	.....	.....	109 8 7	121 0 10	.....	121 0 10	.....	121 0 10
TOTAL ..	1,07,596 11 10	68 4 10	1,07,365 0 8	1,07,308 4 1	68 4 10	1,07,376 8 11	.....	.....	.....	109 8 7	121 0 10	.....	121 0 10	.....	121 0 10
Syrat mehals ..	7,708 0 0	3 4 0	7,711 4 0	7,340 13 0	3 4 0	7,344 1 0	.....	.....	.....	467 3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,15,004 11 10	71 8 10	1,15,076 4 8	1,14,549 1 1	71 8 10	1,14,620 9 11	.....	.....	.....	576 11 7	121 0 10	.....	121 0 10	.....	121 0 10

EXPLANATIONS:

(a) The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,15,004-11-10 against Rs. 1,13,564-15-4 showing an increase of Rs. 1,457-12-6 which is chiefly attributable to the increased Jumma obtained by the re-settlement of Syrat Mehals. The details are given below:—

INCREASE.

Increases due to re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at favourable jummas	Rs. A. P. 1,457 0 0
Ditto due to re-settlement of time expired jotes	12 6
Total ..	1,469 12 6

DECREASE.

NIL

(b) Total collections include estates payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

NARENDRA NATH SEN,
Deewan of Cooch Behar.

ANNUAL STATEMENT NO. III.—Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue for the year 1916-17.

EXCISEABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.		BALANCES.	
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.			Current.	Arrear.
Tax of Out-still shops of country spirit	Rs. A. P. 78,788 0 0	Rs. A. P. 5,864 0 0	Rs. A. P. 84,152 0 0	Rs. A. P. 72,317 0 0	Rs. A. P. 3,144 0 0	Rs. A. P. 75,461 0 0	Rs. A. P. 2,220 0 0	Rs. A. P. 06,471 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 6,471 0 0
License-fees of imported liquor shops ...	510 0 0	.....	510 0 0	510 0 0	.....	510 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Ganja ...	52,438 4 0	.....	52,438 4 0	52,438 4 0	.....	52,438 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of Ganja shops ...	33,147 0 0	161 8 9	33,308 8 9	33,147 0 0	161 8 9	33,308 8 9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto of Opium "	3,217 0 0	.....	3,217 0 0	3,217 0 0	.....	3,217 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Opium ...	15,280 0 0	.....	15,280 0 0	15,280 0 0	.....	15,280 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on imported spirit*	396 6 0	.....	396 6 0	396 6 0	.....	396 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections ...	259 14 0	.....	259 14 0	259 14 0	.....	259 14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1,84,036 8 0	5,525 8 9	1,89,562 7 9	1,77,565 8 0	3,305 8 9	1,80,871 0 9	2,220 0 0	06,471 0 0	.....	6,471 0 0

(e) Vide Council No. 400, dated the 30th August 1917.

NARENDRA NATH SEN,

Deewan of Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT NO. IV.—Statement showing collections of Stamp Revenue for the year 1916-1917.

Names of Sub-divisions or Offices.	JUDICIAL.		DOCUMENTARY.		COURT FEE.		COPYING FEE.		MISCELLANEOUS.		Total.	Commission to Vendors.	Net amount.	CARTRIDGE PAPER.			ADHESIVE STAMPS.			Grand total of gross amount.	Grand total of net amount.	
	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	Duty on stamps.				Fines on papers.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.	With commission.	Net amount.	Commission to vendors.			Net amount.
Sudder	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. Rs. A.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.		
	71,603 0 0	7,489 0	12,436 0	355 0	14,639 0	.....	2,384 8	7 5	111 12	179 0	1,10,216 9	0 2,080 10	3 1,08,135 14	9 451 4	0 28 3	423 0	9 1,688 3	0 104 4	1,563 13	0 1,12,336 0	1,10,122 14 6
Dahata	28,289 8 0	688 0	18,706 3	40 0	11,160 8	1 2	817 8	.....	10 4	105 0	57,798 6	0 1,281 0	3 56,517 5	9 365 0	0 22 13	342 3	0 912 0	0 57 0	855 11	0 59,075 6	57,714 8 9
Mathabanga	32,255 8 0	456 0	11,650 0	.....	12,357 0	.....	1,275 0	.....	8 12	90 0	38,119 4	0 1,253 7	6 56,888 12	6 265 0	0 16 9	248 7	0 1,092 0	0 68 4	1,073 12	0 59,499 4	58,160 15 6
Mekligunj	31,603 8 0	56 0	6,299 0	2 0	8,040 0	.....	571 0	.....	2 12	27 8	63,621 12	0 1,318 1	6 67,303 10	6 116 12	0 9 2	137 9	3 1,548 0	0 96 13	1,451 4	0 70,316 8	68,892 7 9
Tufanganj	13,462 0 0	.....	7,540 8	.....	5,414 0	.....	471 8	.....	9 12	100 0	26,947 12	0 604 5	9 56,333 6	3 137 8	0 8 9	128 14	6 423 0	0 26 7	396 9	0 27,558 4	26,918 13 9
2nd Asst. Settlement Officer.	2,92,577 0 0	.....	.....	.....	9,680 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,12,637 0	0 3,680 8	6 2,06,996 7	6 5 8	0 0 5	5 2 6	0 21 0	0 1 9	22 8	0 2,12,688 0	2,09,024 2 0
3rd Asst. Settlement Officer.	3,160 0 0	.....	.....	.....	200 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,350 0	0 62 8	0 3,287 8	0 0 0	.....	.....	0 12 0	0 11 4	0 3,362 0	0 3,298 12 0	
Total Rupees	4,04,386 8 0	8,669 0	53,032 0	998 0	61,590 8	1 2	5,579 8	7 5	115 4	192 8	5,37,783 11	0 10,799 9	9 5,37,523 13	1,371 0	0 85 11	1,295 5	0 5,679 3	0 254 15	0 5,324 4	0 5,44,833 14	534,132 10 3	

NARENDRA NATH SEN,
Deputy of Cooch Behar.

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FROM

N. N. SEN, ESQ., BAR-AT-LAW.,

Dewan of the State, in the Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

To

THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.*Dated, Cooch Behar, the 26th September, 1917.*

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the State for the year 1916-17, together with the Annual Statements Nos. I to XI.

2. Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., had been in charge of the Office of the Civil and Sessions Judge from the 1st of April to the afternoon of the 30th of November 1917 when Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., took charge of the Office from him and held the same till the end of the year.

The following table shows the names of officers who held charge of the different Subordinate Judicial posts during the year under review :—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Babu Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From the 1st of April to the 30th of November 1916.
Do. ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From the 1st of December 1916 to the 10th of February 1917.
Do. ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From the 12th of February to the 31st of March 1917.
Do. ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April to the 16th of October 1916 and, from the 17th of January to the 31st of March 1917.
Toofangunj...	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April to the 29th of November 1916.
Do. ...	Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of December 1916 to the 31st of March 1917.
Dinhata ...	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st to the 30th April 1916 and from the 16th of August to the 30th of November 1916.
Do. ...	Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of May to the 15th of August 1916.
Do. ...	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of December 1916 to the 31st of March 1917.
Do. ...	Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st to the 30th of April 1916 and from the 16th of August to the 29th November 1916.
Do. ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From the 7th of December 1916 to the 11th of February 1917.
Mathabhanga	Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1916 to the 31st of March 1917.
Do. ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st to the 4th of April 1916 and from the 17th of April to the 29th of November 1916.
Do. ...	Babu Dakeshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of December 1916 to the 31st of March 1917.
Iekligunj ...	Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st to the 5th of April 1916 and from the 15th of April 1916 to the 11th of February 1917.
Do. ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 6th to the 14th of April 1916 and from the 12th of February to the 31st of March 1917.

Institution of original suits.

3. The number of original suits instituted during the last four years is shown below :—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court Suits.	Total.
1913-14	1,912	4,154	2,288	8,349
1914-15	1,781	4,646	2,201	8,628
1915-16	1,857	5,585	2,327	9,719
1916-17	2,061	5,364	2,318	9,743

It will appear from the above that the number of institutions during the year was 9,743 against 9,719 of the previous year showing an increase of 24 suits only.

Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.

4. The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institution of suits in the several courts of the State :—

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge	4	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge ... ..	.....	5	.....	111
Sudder Naib Ahilkar	1	.....	.....	4
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	168	.....	50	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata ... ..	.....	3	.....	181
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata ... ..	.....	5	1	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ... ..	.....	43	57	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	5	.....	15	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	73	.....	2	.....
Total	251	56	125	296

Civil suits increased in the courts of the Civil Judge, the Sudder Naib Ahilkar, the Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj and Mekligunj and the Additional Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga by 4, 1, 168, 73 and 5 respectively, and decreased in the courts of the Assistant Civil Judge, the Naib Ahilkars of Dinbata and Mathabhanga and the Additional Naib Ahilkar of Dinbata by 5, 3, 43 and 5 respectively.

Rent suits increased in the courts of the Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj and the Additional Naib Ahilkars of Dinbata and Mathabhanga by 50, 57, 2, 1 and 15 respectively, and decreased in the courts of the Assistant Civil Judge, the Sudder Naib Ahilkar and the Naib Ahilkar of Dinbata by 111, 4 and 181 respectively.

5. The Statement No. 2 shows that out of a total of 9,743 institutions, 3,712 were suits on bonds and other obligations, 5,364 were rent suits, 659 for land and other immoveable property and 8 relating to matrimonial rights.

Execution Cases.

table given below :—

6. The number of applications filed for execution of decrees during the last four years is shown in the

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1918-1914	1,680	2,460	1,247	5,387
1914-1915	1,596	2,883	1,177	5,156
1915-1916	1,589	3,038	1,241	5,813
1916-1917	1,694	3,296	1,848	6,838

The number of applications filed during the year under report was 6,333 against 5,813 of the previous year showing an increase of 520 applications. The increase is due to good harvests during the year under report.

Miscellaneous Cases.

7. The number of Miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below :—

Years.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
1915-1916	926	132
1916-1917	995	101

Certificate Cases.

8. The number of applications for Certificates of Guardianship under Act VI of 1897 was 55 against 56 of the previous year showing a decrease of one application only and the number of applications for Succession Certificates under Act V of 1898 was 58 against 64 of the previous year showing a decrease of 6 applications.

Probate Cases.

9. The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 15 against 21 of the previous year showing a decrease of 6 applications.

Rank of Courts according to institution.

10. According to the number of institutions of original suits the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	2,568
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	2,371
(3.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata	2,189
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	1,386
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1,105

Disposal of suits.

11. The disposal of original suits during the last four years is shown in the statement given below :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1913-1914	1,892	4,219	2,261	8,372
1914-1915	1,784	4,536	2,156	8,476
1915-1916	1,899	5,503	2,350	9,752
1916-1917	2,025	5,388	2,306	9,719

The total number of original suits disposed of was 9,719 against 9,752 of the previous year showing a decrease of 33 suits. It will be observed that there is an increase in the disposal of Civil suits.

Rank of Courts according to disposals.

12. According to disposal the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	2,144
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata	1,542
(3.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,446
(4.) Naib Ahilkar Mekligunj	1,337
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,080
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1,026
(7.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata	687
(8.) Sudder Naib Ahilkar	426

Contest.

13. The following table compares the disposal of contested original suits during the last four years :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1913-1914	455	312	350	1,117
1914-1915	454	325	282	1,061
1915-1916	400	406	271	1,077
1916-1917	342	621	292	955

The total number of contested suits decided was 955, being a little less than one-tenth of the entire number of disposals.

With regard to the disposal of contested suits the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	261
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	144
(3.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	131
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	129
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	119
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	78
(7.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	57
(8.) Sudder Naib Ahilkar	29

Average duration of suits.

14. The table given below shows the average duration of suits in the Subordinate Courts :—

Names of Courts.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Contested.	Uncontested	Contested.	Uncontested	Contested.	Uncontested
	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge	4 20	1 9	3 8	0' 28	1 29	0 24
Sudder Naib Ahilkar	1 14	0 25	3 27	1 12	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	4 26	1 18	3 29	1 15	1 14	0 28
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata } ...	5 11	1 24	3 21	1 11	2 10	1 1
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata }						
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	6 5	2 6	3 8	1 11	1 24	1 10
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	6 11	2 12	3 8	1 17	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	4 9	1 3	3 12	0 25	1 18	1 0

The duration was longest at Mathabhanga and shortest at Mekligunj.

15. Out of the total number of original suits disposed of, 1,966 or a little more than one-fifth were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20 ; 3,212 or a little less than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50 ; 2,437 or a little more than one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100 ; 1,992 or more than one-fifth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500 ; 87 were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000 ; 27 were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but

Value of suits.

not exceeding Rs. 5,000. There were 2 suits exceeding Rs. 5,000 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000 and 2 suits exceeding Rs. 10,000 but not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.

16. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 1,021 against 997 of the previous year showing an increase of 24 suits. Of the number pending, 20 were over six months and 18 over one year old.

17. The Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata, Mathabhanga, and Mekligunj tried Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 100 and the Naib Ahilkar of Tufan-gunj up to Rs. 20 adopting the procedure laid down in the Small Cause Court Act.

18. The statement given below shows the disposal of Execution Cases during the last four years :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1918-1914	1,674	2,530	1,267	5,471
1914-1915	1,511	2,188	1,158	4,857
1915-1916	1,539	3,033	1,241	5,813
1916-1917	1,713	3,239	1,352	6,304

The total number of Execution Cases disposed of was 6,304 against 5,813 of the previous year showing an increase of 491 cases.

19. The table given below shows the disposal of Miscellaneous Cases during the year under report :—

	Civil	Rent	Small Cause Court	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
	420	15
	483	89
	71	.....
Total	974	104

20. One hundred and thirty-two cases were for local inquiry by the Civil Court Ameen during the year against 152 of the previous year. 119 cases were inquired into against 134, and 13 cases were pending enquiry against 18 of the previous year. The amount of Ameen's fees was Rs. 891 against Rs. 1,050 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 159.

21. The statement given below shows the work of the Civil Judge's Court on the Civil side of the last three years :—

YEARS.	ORIGINAL SUITS.				EXECUTION CASES.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.			
	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1914-1915	20	23	27	16	8	34	26	16	36	154	152	38
1915-1916	16	27	23	20	16	32	30	18	38	156	161	33
1916-1917	20	31	31	20	18	35	35	18	33	148	149	27

Twenty original suits and 18 Execution and 27 Miscellaneous Cases were pending at the close of the year.

22. The following table shows the total number of Appeals. Regular and Miscellaneous Appeals preferred in the Civil Judge's Court during the last three years:—

1914-1915	...	...	...	...	...	134
1915-1916	...	...	...	...	...	109
1916-1917	...	...	...	...	...	92

The number of appeals filed during the year was 92 against 109 of the previous year showing a decrease of 17 appeals.

(a) The result of appeals for the last three years is shown in the table given below:—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1914-1915 ...	209	53	5	18	27	111
1915-1916 ...	220	37	15	18	18	132
1916-1917 ...	224	60	28	17	38	81

There were 224 appeals for disposal including those which remained pending at the end of the previous year. Of these, 143 were disposed of and 81 remained pending at the end of the year.

(b) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial officers:—

Names of Judicial Officers.	DETAILS OF DISPOSAL.						Total disposed of.	Remarks.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.		
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L. ...	5	2	...	...	3	...	10	
„ Hari Nath Basu, B.L. ...	20	4	7	3	4	3	41	
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M.A., B.L. ...	2	1	2	...	6	...	11	
Rai Chaudhuri Sati Chandra Mustafi ...	...	2	...	1	...	...	3	
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L. ...	5	4	2	1	1	...	13	
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L. ...	5	1	1	2	...	...	9	
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L. ...	9	5	2	...	4	1	21	
Uma Nath Dutt, B.L. ...	8	2	2	2	...	...	14	
Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L. ...	6	7	1	4	3	...	21	
Total ...	60	28	17	13	21	4	143	

Finance.

23. The receipts and disbursements are shown below under the several heads:—

RECEIPTS.

I. Stamp duty.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years:—

	Rs.
1913-1914 ...	1,02,527
1914-1915 ...	1,03,972
1915-1916 ...	1,15,948
1916-1917 ...	1,20,693

The increase of Rs. 4,745 was due to increase in the number of suits of higher value instituted during the year as also to the increase in the number of applications filed for execution of decrees.

II. Process fees.—The amount of process fees etc. realized during the year under report was Rs. 32,731 against Rs. 32,302 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 429. The increase is due to increase in sale fees.

III. Fines and Forfeitures.—These amounted to Rs. 636 against Rs. 723 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 87.

IV. Ameen's fees.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years:—

					Rs.
1913-1914	...	...	...	...	864
1914-1915	...	...	...	...	1,251
1915-1916	...	...	...	...	1,050
1916-1917	...	...	...	...	891

The decrease is due to decrease in the number of cases for local enquiry.

V. Other receipts including Copying fees.—These amounted to Rs. 5,344 against Rs. 5,158 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 186.

The total receipts under the above heads were Rs. 1,60,295 against Rs. 1,55,182 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 5,113.

DISBURSEMENTS.

I. Salary.—The salary of Judicial Officers amounted to Rs. 17,912 against Rs. 18,582 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 670. The decrease is mainly due to the retirement of Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri.

II. Establishment charges.—The establishment charges amounted to Rs. 17,980 against Rs. 17,913 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 67 only.

III. Process Service.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 10,439 against Rs. 10,514 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 75 only.

IV. Contingencies.—Contingencies amounted to Rs. 5,546 against Rs. 5,435 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 111.

V. Ameen's Establishment.—The cost under this head amounted to Rs. 1,080 against Rs. 1,076 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 4 only.

VI. Unforeseen.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 137 against Rs. 176 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 39.

The total amount of expenditure was Rs. 53,094 against Rs. 53,697 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 603.

The net receipts of the Civil Department amounted to Rs. 1,07,201 against Rs. 1,01,485 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 5,716.

24. The total amount of Copying fees realized during the year was Rs. 4,552.10 against Rs. 4,673.14 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 121.4. Out of the total receipts, Rs. 2,102.2 was credited to the State and the balance, Rs. 2,450.8 distributed among the copyists.

The following table shows the number of Copyists employed in each court with their respective average monthly income:—

Names of Courts.	No. of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.			Remarks.
			Rs.	A.	P.	
Sudder	4	1 (a)	21	7	4	(a) The work is carried on by regular staff.
Tufangunj	1	.....	18	12	10
Dinhata	2	1	20	11	8	
Mathabhanga	2	1 a	21	10	8	
Mekligunj	2	.....	9	15	0

Records. 25. During the year under report records of 3,447 cases were received in the Sudder Record Room as shown below:—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.
Assistant Civil Judge	828	.....	828
Mathabhanga	715	1,904	2,619
Total	1,543	1,904	3,447

No records were received from the Sub-divisions of Dinhata, Mekligunj and Tufangunj during the year under review. It is to be remarked that the accommodation in the Sudder Record Room is extremely limited and it is a matter to be seriously considered how extra accommodation can be provided for the records of the Civil Department.

The following records were destroyed during the year under report:—

			<i>Civil Judge's Court.</i>
		B	Files of Civil original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases and of Civil and Rent Appeals for the year 1911.
			<i>Assistant Civil Judge's Court.</i>
Sudder	...	B	Files of Civil & Rent original suits, Civil Miscellaneous and Execution cases for the year 1911 and of Rent Execution Cases for the year 1910.
			<i>Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilka's Court.</i>
		B	Files of Rent original suits and Miscellaneous cases for the year 1911 and of Rent Execution cases for the years 1910 and 1911.
			<i>Naib Ahilkar's Court.</i>
Dinhata	...	B	Files of Civil & Rent original suits, and Miscellaneous and Execution cases for the year 1911.
			<i>Naib and Additional Naib Ahilkar's Courts.</i>
Mathabhanga	...	B	Files of Civil and Rent original suits, and Miscellaneous and Execution cases for the year 1911.
			<i>Naib Ahilkars' Court.</i>
Mekligunj	...	B	Files of Civil original suits, and Miscellaneous and Execution cases for the year 1911.
			<i>Naib Ahilkars' Court.</i>
Tufangunj	...	B	Files of Civil and Rent original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases for the year 1911.

26. All the Subordinate Judicial Officers as well as the Subordinate staff worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant,
NARENDRA NATH SEN,
Dewan of the State, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles	Population.
Sudder Sub-division ...	Kotowali Station...	284	1,30,602
Tufangunj ditto ...	Fullbari ditto ...	223	80,147
Dinhata ditto ...	Dinhata ditto ...	269	1,48,529
Mathabhanga ditto ...	Mathabhanga Station } Sitalkhuchi, I. O. P. }	334	1,42,704
Mekligunj ditto ...	Mekligunj Station...	197	91,070
	Total ...	1,307	5,93,052

(B)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar

State for the year 1916-1917.

CIVIL.		RENT.		Total.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original	
1	14	1	9	25

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917.

COURTS	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.						TOTAL.
	Stamps (1)	Process fees. (2)	Fines and for- feitures.	Amone's fees.	Other receipts. (3)	TOTAL.	Salary of Judi- cial officers.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Contingent. (4)	Amone's Retab- lishment.		Unforeseen.
Civil Judge's Court	Rs. A. P. 11,013 6 0	Rs. A. P. 1,585 4 0	Rs. A. P. 67 10 3	Rs. A. P. 18 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,952 0 11	Rs. A. P. 14,636 5 2	Rs. A. P. 6,937 8 0	Rs. A. P. 5,308 9 11	Rs. A. P. 6,638 7 0	Rs. A. P. 3,644 7 2	Rs. A. P. 1,080 0 0	Rs. A. P. 137 0 0	Rs. A. P. 23,646 0 1
Sudder Subordinate Courts	23,922 1 6	7,296 12 0	77 13 0	264 0 0	.....	31,560 10 6	4,425 0 0	3,414 1 9	.....	214 9 0	.....	.....	8,053 10 9
Toofangunj Court	12,296 3 9	3,452 4 0	192 2 0	159 0 0	504 8 9	16,604 2 6	975 0 0	1,952 12 7	777 0 0	236 2 0	.....	.....	3,940 14 7
Dinabata	25,542 0 0	7,238 12 0	11 14 0	126 0 0	1,207 11 0	34,126 5 0	2,091 10 8	2,663 5 3	1,076 1 0	593 11 0	.....	.....	6,424 11 11
Mathabhanja	29,974 4 0	8,132 4 0	286 2 0	189 0 0	1,071 5 0	39,652 15 0	2,408 5 4	2,566 1 1	1,099 7 6	633 12 3	.....	.....	7,097 10 2
Mohligunj	17,945 8 0	5,026 0 0	.....	135 0 0	603 6 6	23,714 14 6	2,075 0 0	1,635 6 11	847 10 11	823 3 0	.....	.....	3,951 4 10
Total	1,20,693 7 3	32,731 4 0	635 9 3	891 0 0	5,344 0 2	1,50,295 4 8	17,912 8 0	17,980 5 6	10,438 10 5	5,545 12 5	1,080 0 0	137 0 0	53,094 4 4

(1) This includes searching fees and fees for information.

(2) This includes sale fees.

(3) This includes witnesses' diet money, copying fees, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c.

(4) This includes remuneration to Copyists, travelling and Typist Mohurers pay, &c.

Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Receipts	1,60,295 4 8
Charges	53,094 4 4
Balance	1,07,201 0 4

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,

Civil Judge.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooh Behar State during the year 1916-17.

COURTS.	SUITS OF SMALL CAUSE COURT CLASS.										OTHER CIVIL SUITS.										RENT SUITS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
	On written obligation.	On unwritten.	On account stated.	Money had and received and contribution.	Goods sold.	Breach of contract not falling under the Rent law.		Rent not falling under the Rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including partition, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for and against accounts.	Suits to set aside judgments, decrees or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for enforcement or dissolution of matrimonial rights.	Suits relating to religion, caste and religious endowments.	For delivery of patta and khatiyas.	For damages for illegal exaction of rent and withholding of receipts.	For enforcement and movement of funds.	For arrears of rent.	To eject a trespasser or to cancel a lease.	For recovery of possession.	Exercise of power of distraint.	Against agent for money and paper.	Total.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917.

CIVIL COURTS.	Yearly from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Disposed by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaints rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromise.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	Referred to arbitration.	CONTESTED.		Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.		
														Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					Contested.	Uncontested.	
Civil Judge	19	31	...	50	52	2	1	...	3	60	20	...	...	...	6	3	20	4	11	m. d. m. d.	...	...
Sudder Naib Ahikar.	54	405	...	450	...	...	17	...	20	...	175	...	...	...	68	373	34	3	...	9 27 3 10	...	...
Naib-Ahikar Toofangunj	69	591	1	53	...	...	2	...	1	4	20	...	...	...	2	30	23	...	...	4 20 1 0	...	...
Naib Ahikar, Dinabata	12	367	79	680	150	...	113	6	20	109	201	...	...	...	52	538	121	...	...	1 14 0 25	...	...
Additional Naib Ahikar, Dinabata	48	2	150	458	...	...	36	...	37	22	115	...	1	...	21	241	67	1	...	4 26 1 13	...	...
Naib Ahikar, Mathabhangra	17	365	8	290	268	...	11	...	9	26	41	...	...	...	15	121	...	...	...	5 11 1 24	...	...
Additional Naib Ahikar, Mathabhangra	78	34	268	390	...	2	51	2	30	67	120	2	...	...	8	5	102	90	...	6 5 2 6	...	...
Naib Ahikar, Mekligunj	35	265	...	31	...	...	30	3	17	47	132	...	...	...	21	254	47	7	...	6 11 2 12	...	...
TOTAL	343	2,061	557	2,951	558	4	276	12	159	342	887	2	1	239	103	2,025	363	15	12	...	...	...
RENT COURTS.																						
Civil Judge	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge	59	1,440	...	1,459	371	...	143	...	80	246	485	...	...	...	55	1,019	69	...	...	1 9 16	...	...
Sudder Naib Ahikar	53	10	371	431	...	...	39	...	33	100	196	...	...	...	25	396	38	...	...	3 3 8	0 28	...
Naib Ahikar, Toofangunj	40	197	209	437	612	...	45	2	38	97	164	...	...	...	19	367	70	...	...	3 27 1 12	...	...
Naib Ahikar, Dinabata	28	1,300	642	1,537	612	...	195	6	5	155	388	...	...	...	30	780	115	1	...	3 29 1 15	...	...
Additional Naib Ahikar, Dinabata	123	1,382	...	775	259	...	129	5	8	111	272	...	...	...	38	566	...	...	...	3 21 1 11	...	...
Naib Ahikar, Mathabhangra	29	1,024	...	1,411	1,024	...	15	...	35	190	82	2	...	...	23	349	35	1	...	2 8 1 11	...	...
Additional Naib Ahikar, Mathabhangra	112	36	1,024	1,172	...	...	93	5	149	410	353	...	...	...	60	1,110	62	...	...	3 8 1 17	...	...
Naib Ahikar, Mekligunj	59	829	...	858	...	...	81	7	114	155	395	1	...	...	33	800	88	3	...	3 12 0 25	...	...
TOTAL	504	5,364	2,216	8,114	2,246	...	742	23	464	1,467	2,365	4	...	...	285	5,388	480	5	1	...	...	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 100.																						
Assistant Civil Judge	38	763	...	81	...	...	83	2	40	199	330	...	...	...	61	752	49	...	...	1 29 0 24	...	...
Naib Ahikar, Toofangunj	10	117	1	128	...	...	54	...	3	9	43	...	...	...	7	121	7	...	...	1 14 0 28	...	...
Ditto, Dinabata	42	522	...	564	...	...	89	1	30	75	273	...	...	...	18	521	45	...	...	2 10 1 1	...	...
Ditto, Mathabhangra	59	624	...	683	...	1	116	...	35	224	147	...	...	...	80	629	54	...	...	1 24 1 10	...	...
Ditto, Mekligunj	11	292	...	303	...	...	59	2	3	72	129	...	...	...	14	233	20	...	...	1 18 1 0	...	...
TOTAL	160	2,318	1	2,479	...	1	441	5	111	574	922	...	...	...	180	112	2,306	173	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	997	9,743	2,804	13,544	2,804	5	1,319	42	754	2,383	4,174	6	1	704	251	9,719	1,021	20	13	...	...	...

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 4.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917.

VALUE OF SUITS.	CIVIL SUITS.						RENT SUITS.						SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO RS. 100.						Grand Total.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917.

COURTS.	APPLICATION TO EXECUTE DECREES.			APPLICATIONS DISTINGUISHED BY.		PENDING.			Possession.	NATURE AND NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH COERCIVE PROCESS ISSUED.					APPLICATION FOR INSOLVENCY				
	Filing at the beginning of year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	Total.	Transferred.		More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.	Arrest.	Imprisonment.	Against the person.		Orders under Section 348 Code of Civil Procedure.	Allowed.	Disallowed.
															Attached.	Sold.				Attached.	Sold.
<i>Large.</i>																			
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	18	24	.....	52	17	18	35	..	1	5	17	9	5	1	13	3	6	15	
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	76	78	.....	464	180	196	386	..	2	1	78	43	27	4	109	12	72	95	
Naib Ahlikar, Cooch Behar	.....	1	.....	411	151	211	362	..	.....	.....	1	15	23	2	229	33	61	81	
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	61	350	.....	424	102	248	350	..	4	1	49	15	4	.....	155	16	105	66	
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	55	30	59	100	9	24	33	59	.....	.....	74	4	12	.....	17	4	19	3	
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	31	189	.....	251	101	109	210	.....	1	1	41	33	30	.....	180	46	17	17	
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabanga	62	15	.....	104	72	65	137	.....	.....	.....	27	1	.....	.....	84	9	83	61	
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Mathabanga	15	104	.....	249	97	103	200	.....	4	.....	49	55	20	1	84	9	83	61	
Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj...	45	104	.....	249	97	103	200	.....	4	.....	49	55	20	1	84	9	83	61	
Total	303	1,014	59	2,116	739	974	1,713	59	12	8	344	160	117	8	737	125	421	337	1
<i>Small.</i>																			
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	125	615	.....	750	458	114	572	..	.....	.....	178	1	4	.....	14	6	561	236	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	6	170	.....	220	133	48	181	.....	1	.....	39	1	2	.....	3	1	132	64	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Cooch Behar	43	24	.....	291	159	48	237	.....	.....	.....	54	20	3	.....	22	1	219	215	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	78	606	145	889	417	335	742	1	3	.....	146	13	3	.....	210	2	367	217	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	29	101	.....	271	61	55	116	145	.....	.....	10	1	.....	.....	67	.....	191	25	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	119	339	.....	458	286	114	440	.....	.....	.....	58	1	15	1	477	269	600	17	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabanga	55	62	.....	530	376	162	538	.....	.....	.....	77	88	11	1	169	7	298	114	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Mathabanga	76	454	.....	530	237	216	453	.....	.....	.....	77	88	11	1	169	7	298	114	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	605	3,396	146	4,047	2,157	1,082	3,239	146	4	.....	662	124	35	2	962	276	2,368	888	.....
<i>Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.</i>																			
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	41	512	.....	553	70	439	519	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	116	.....	361	33	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	2	35	.....	35	4	28	32	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	37	1	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Dinbata	39	317	.....	356	71	273	324	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	59	2	188	14	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mathabanga	32	530	.....	167	65	209	334	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	51	4	252	19	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mekligunj	16	15	.....	167	23	130	153	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	20	2	137	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	131	1,343	.....	1,473	213	1,139	1,352	.....	.....	.....	121	.....	249	8	965	67	.....	.....	.....
Grand total	1,098	6,333	25	7,636	3,119	3,195	6,304	205	16	8	1,27	284	41	18	2,714	468	2,789	1,925	1

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Civil Judge.

Summary of the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917.

COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	DISPOSED OF.			Transferred.	PENDING.		Total pending.	AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.		REMARKS.
				Total.	Contested.	Uncontested.		More than six months.	More than 12 months.		Contested.	Uncontested.	
Civil.													
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	3	143	.....	176	28	121	149	.....	6	8	27	M. D.	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	6	47	.....	53	19	28	47	.....	.....	.....	6	5 15 2 7	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Sudder	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 29	27
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	8	35	.....	43	.....	23	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	3	42	.....	45	21	18	35	.....	.....	15	2 10 1 16	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	1	4	1	6	1	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	6 3 4 4	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Marhabhanga	9	35	.....	44	12	27	39	.....	.....	5	3 17 1 26	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, do.	11	60	.....	71	22	40	62	.....	.....	9	2 18 1 23	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj	12	60	.....	72	11	39	60	.....	2	.....	22	3 10 1 12	.....
Total	83	457	4	514	121	289	420	4	9	8	90	.....	.....
Rent.													
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	4	61	.....	65	10	53	63	.....	.....	.....	3	2 1 1 0 21	.....
Naib Ahlikar	.....	30	.....	30	4	26	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 8 0 23	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	3	38	.....	41	6	29	35	.....	.....	6	2 17 1 2	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	10	70	16	96	7	67	74	.....	.....	20	5 11 1 10	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, do.	3	24	2	29	1	12	13	.....	.....	5	2 18 1 9	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Marhabhanga	10	66	.....	76	8	60	68	.....	.....	13	3 19 1 20	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahlikar, do.	9	92	3	110	24	73	97	.....	.....	14	3 11 1 9	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj	21	96	.....	117	21	82	103	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	60	483	21	564	81	402	483	21	.....	60	.....	.....	.....
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.													
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	3	11	.....	14	7	6	13	.....	.....	.....	1	1 10 0 28	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	.....	6	.....	6	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	3	0 18 0 19	.....
Ditto, Dinbata	2	20	.....	22	5	11	16	.....	.....	.....	6	2 0 1 0	.....
Ditto, Marhabhanga	1	29	.....	30	7	18	25	.....	.....	.....	5	2 18 1 7	.....
Ditto, Mekligunj	1	20	.....	21	3	12	15	.....	.....	.....	6	1 19 0 29	.....
Total	7	85	.....	92	23	48	71	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL	150	995	25	1,170	255	749	974	25	9	8	171	.....	.....

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending at the beginning of year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	DISPOSED OF.							Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Section 861, Act XIV of 1891.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS.
				Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.					
Civil Side	98	60	158	.....	12	4	13	19	41	5	94	64	9	16	.....
Ditto, Miscellaneous	8	3	11	.....	2	.....	.....	2	2	4	10	1	.....	.....	.....
Total	106	63	169	.....	14	4	13	21	43	9	104	65	9	16	.....
Rent Side	23	24	47	.....	4	.....	2	7	15	4	32	15	2	2	.....
Ditto, Miscellaneous	3	5	8	.....	3	.....	2	.....	2	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....
Total	26	29	55	.....	7	.....	4	7	17	4	39	16	2	2	.....	Out of 143 cases 67 and 76 cases were disposed by Babus H. N. Chaudhry, and P. N. Chatterjee respectively.
Grand Total	132	92	224	.....	21	4	17	23	60	13	143	81	11	18	.....

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE.

Civil Judge.

• *Statement showing the nature of Miscellaneous cases instituted and disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Madh Behar State for the year 1916-1917.*

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of Ameen's employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1915-1916.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.			Time employed.	Number of Ameen's.	CHARGES.			Fees.			AMEEN'S PRON'S CHARGES.			REMARKS.
	Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Civil Judge ...	18	0	0	6 days											
Assistant Civil Judge ...	201	0	0	67 "											
Sudder Rent Suit Courts ...	63	0	0	21 "											
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj (Civil)	114	0	0	38 "											
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	45	0	0	15 "											
Ditto, Dinbata (Civil)	81	0	0	27 "	1	912	0	0				168	0	0	* This includes Rs. 12 for Contingencies.
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	45	0	0	15 "											
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil)	135	0	0	45 "											
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	54	0	0	18 "											
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil)	120	0	0	40 "											
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	15	0	0	5 "											
Total ...	891	0	0	297 days	1	912	0	0				168	0	0	

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT NO. II.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1916-1917

NAME OF COURTS.		Number of process issued.	Process-service fees.			Number of process served.	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers.			Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
			Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.				
<i>Civil.</i>											
Civil Judge's Court	...	3,793	1,019	12	0	3,793					
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...	1,814	1,622	8	0	1,803	6,638	7	0	5-7 miles	
Sudder Naib Ahlikar's Court	...	2,326	1,975	4	0	2,196	777	0	0	5-39 "	
Toofangunj ditto	...	2,508	2,138	0	0	2,446	1,076	1	0	6-17 "	
Dinhata ditto	...	2,408	2,127	0	0	2,200	1,099	7	6	8-13 "	
Mathabhanga ditto	...	1,576	1,450	12	0	1,488	847	10	11	5-53 "	
Mekligunj ditto	...										
<i>Rent.</i>											
Civil Judge's Court	...										
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...										
Sudder Naib Ahlikar's Court	...	3,581	3,379	4	0	3,560					
Toofangunj ditto	...	1,132	1,041	4	0	1,139					
Dinhata ditto	...	3,945	3,358	0	0	3,894					
Mathabhanga ditto	...	4,353	4,098	8	0	3,984					
Mekligunj ditto	...	2,602	2,630	0	0	2,514					
<i>Small Cause Courts.</i>											
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...	2,097	1,616	0	0	2,097					
Toofangunj ditto	...	200	155	12	0	185					
Dinhata ditto	...	1,557	1,189	4	0	1,529					
Mathabhanga ditto	...	1,650	1,248	12	0	1,446					
Mekligunj ditto	...	703	558	0	0	675					
Total	..	56,196	29,588	0	0	34,889	10,438	10	5		

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,

Civil Judge.

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FROM

N. N. SEN, Esq., BAR-AT-LAW,

*Dewan of the State in charge Registration Department,**Cooch Behar.*

TO

THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 6th October 1917.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I have the honor to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1916-17 together with the Annual Returns Nos. I to X.

2. *Charge* :—Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., had been in charge of the Office of the Registrar of Deeds from the beginning of the year till the afternoon of the 30th November 1913, when Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., took over charge of the office which he held till the close of the year.

3. *Changes among the Sub-Registrars* :—The following table shews the personnel in the several Registration Offices in the State :—

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employments.
Sudder ...	Rai Chaudhuri Monmohan Buxi, Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From 1st to 19th April 1916 and from 16th May 1916 to the 31st March 1917.
Ditto ...	Babu Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Offg. Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From 20th April to 15th May 1916.
Dinhata ...	" Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From 1st to 30th April 1916 and again from 16th August to the afternoon of the 30th November 1916.
Ditto ...	" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From 1st May to the 15th of August 1916.
Ditto ...	" Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the afternoon of the 30th November 1916 to the 31st March 1917.
Mathabhanga ...	" Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Sub-Registrar ...	From 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917.
Mekligunj ...	" Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From 1st to 5th April 1916 and from 15th April 1916 to 11th February 1917.
Ditto ...	" Uma Nath Dutta, B.L., Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From 6th to 14th April 1916 and again from 12th February to 31st March 1917.
Tufangunj ...	" Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From 1st April to 29th November 1916.
Ditto ...	" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From 1st December 1916 to 31st March 1917.

4. *Variations as regards the two kinds of documents presented for Registration* :—Table No I., hereto appended, compares the number of deeds, both compulsory and optional, presented for registration during the year under

report with that in the year previous. The number of deeds, the registration of which is compulsory, was 26,280 against 16,880 of the preceding year, shewing an increase of 9,400 deeds and that of deeds of which the registration is optional, was 7,503 against 6,973 of the year previous, shewing an increase of 530 deeds.

Table No. II, hereto appended, compares the number of deeds of different kinds presented for registration and the amount of fees levied thereon during the year under report with those in the year previous. The total number of documents of all classes presented for registration during the year under report was 33,783 against 23,853 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 9,930 deeds.

5. Variations as regards the different kinds of document presented for registration:—				There was an increase * of 9,157, 575, 7, 26, 5 and 301 deeds under the heads of "Leases", "Sales", "Gifts", "Obligations for payment of money", "Will" and "Miscellaneous" and a decrease † of 8 and 133 deeds under the heads of "Mortgages" and "Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property," respectively.			
* Increase—							
Leases	...	...	9,157				
Sales	...	...	575				
Gifts	...	...	7				
Obligations for payment of money	...	...	26				
Wills	...	...	5				
Miscellaneous	...	...	301				
Total			10,971				
† Decrease—							
Mortgages	...	...	8				
Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	...	...	133				
Total			141				
Net increase—							
(10,971—141) or 9930							

6. *Explanation for the variations*:—The increase under the head of Leases was due to the Settlement operations now in progress in the State.

The increases under the heads of Sales and Miscellaneous were due to the abnormal increase in the prices of all the articles of daily use. Those under the other heads as also the decreases under the two heads were small calling for no explanation.

7. *Variations as regards the number of deeds presented for registration in the different Sub-Registry Offices*:—The following table compares the number of documents presented for registration in the different offices during the year under report with that in the previous year:—

Names of Offices.	No. of deeds presented for registration.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1915-16	1916-17.		
Registrar's and Sulder Sub-Registrar's offices.	5,129	8,163	3,034	.....
Dinhata • • office	5,744	11,932	6,188	.....
Mathabhanga do.	6,688	5,321	.....	1,367
Mekligunj do.	3,385	2,241	.....	1,144
Tufangunj do.	2,907	6,126	3,219	.....
Total	23,853	33,783	9,930	.....

It will be observed from the above table that except at Mathabhanga and Mekligunj where there were decreases of 1,367 and 1,144 respectively, there were increases in all the offices, the largest being that of 6,188 deeds at Dinhata. All the above increases were chiefly due to the increases in all other head except those of "Mortgages" and "Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property."

The increases were chiefly under the head of Leases due, as stated above to the progress of the Settlement operations. The field work having been practically concluded in the Sub-divisions of Mathabhanga and Mekligunj, the number of deeds which had increased abnormally in those offices in the two preceding years, gradually declined during the year under review.

8. *Number of deeds actually registered during the year* :—Of the 33,763 documents presented for registration, 55 were pending and 76 deeds were refused registration. The remaining 33,652 deeds were actually registered.

9. *Progress made in the work of copying during the year* :—Of the 33,652 deeds registered during the year, none remained uncopied at the close of the year. 7 deeds, the registration of which was ordered by the Registrar of Deeds, were also copied out during the year.

10. *Registration by the Registrar of Deeds* :—The Registrar of Deeds registered 16 deeds in the year under report against the same number of the previous year, yielding fees amounting to Rs. 84-4 against Rs. 66-8 of the preceding year.

11. *Registration under the Companies Act* :—During the year under report there was no registration under the Companies Act. The two companies registered under this Act are still in existence.

12. *Appeals and petitions* :—Including 13 appeals which remained pending at the close of the last year, there were altogether 21 appeals and petitions against the orders of Sub-Registrars refusing registration of documents. Of these only 4 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

13. *Receipts* :—The total receipts under all heads during the year amount ed to Rs. 27,161-4 against Rs. 21,950-14, shewing an increase of Rs. 5,210-6-0. The increase was due to the increase in the number of documents presented for registration.

14. The noticeable feature in the Registration of deeds in the year under review is the increase of receipts. In 1915-16 the amount received as fees was Rs. 21,950-14, whereas the amount realised in the year under notice is Rs. 27,161-4. The rise is abnormal and as the increase is due to unusual number of leases presented for registration, the natural inference is that it is due to Settlement operations now going on. The following table shews the number of deeds and receipts from 1909-10 to 1916-17 :—

Year.	No. of deeds presented for registration.	Amount of receipts from fees.		
		Rs.	As.	P.
1909-10	11,113	13,192	8	0
1910-11	19,956	16,728	12	0
1911-12	22,369	17,803	2	0
1912-13	23,434	19,058	0	0
1913-14	21,120	24,126	2	0
1914-15	21,182	19,814	12	0
1915-16	23,853	21,950	14	0
1916-17	33,783	27,161	4	0

It will thus be seen that 1909-10 represents the normal year. The three subsequent years show an increase due to introduction of the new Tenancy Act. Previous to the promulgation of the Act no new Darchukani under-tenure could be created but the relaxation of the law in favour of creation of Darchukanis led to a large number of leases creating new Darchukanis or recognizing Darchukanis already created but illegally made. Before the effect of the legislation had become exhausted, the Settlement operations began and all illegally settled tenants naturally became anxious to have legal basis for their interests where they were non-recognizable on account of illegality in the settlement. The maximum receipt is indicated in the year under review but as the Settlement operations are approaching completion, a diminution in the number of deeds and a decrease in the receipts are not unlikely. There will be an inevitable tendency towards a readjustment and the establishment of a new average.

15. *Disbursements* :—The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 15,245-10-2 against Rs. 12,635-8-11 of the preceding year, shewing an increase of Rs. 2,610-6-3. The increase was chiefly due to the increase in the amount of commission paid to the Sub-Registrars and to the increase in the expenditure for Temporary Establishment entertained for copying out the increased number of documents and for the purchase of articles of stationery.

16. *Net gain to the State* :—The net gain to the State was Rs. 11,915-9-10 against Rs. 9,315-10-1 of the preceding year, shewing an increase of Rs. 2,599-15-9.

17. *Remuneration to Sub-Registrars* :—As usual the Sub-Registrars were remunerated by fees at 25 per cent on the total collections.

18. *Conduct* :—All the subordinate officers and the Sub-Registrars discharged their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honor to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,

NARENDRA NATH SEN,

Dewan of the State in charge Registration Department,

Cooch Behar.

I.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.

YEARS.				Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees realized on documents presented for registration.
							Rs. A. P.
1915-1916	...	...	...	16,880	6,973	23,853	19,995 0 0
1916-1917	...	...	...	26,280	7,503	33,783	25,026 8 0
Increase	...	...	...	9,400	530	9,930	5,031 8 0
Decrease	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

NARENDRA NATH SEN,

*Dewan of the State in charge Registration Department,
Cooch Behar.*

II.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different kinds presented for registration and the amount of fees levied thereon during the years 1915-16 and 1916-17.

YEARS.	Leases.			Mortgages.			Sales.			Gifts.			Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.			Obligations for payment of money.			Wills.			Miscellaneous.			Total.			Copying and Searching fees and fines &c.			Grand total.		
	No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.				
1915-16...	12,392	Rs. A. 5,170 4	254	Rs. A. 305 12	5,763	6,871 0	176	Rs. A. 323 12	3,278	4,070 8	622	Rs. A. 653 0	14	Rs. A. 74 4	1,354	2,526 8	23,853	Rs. A. 19,995 0	1,955 14	23,853	21,950 14	Rs. A.			Rs. A.			1,955 14	23,853	21,950 14			
1916-17...	21,549	8,807 0	246	276 12	6,338	7,465 12	183	305 12	3,145	3,925 8	648	659 8	19	124 12	1,055	3,461 8	33,783	25,026 8	2,134 12	33,783	27,161 4							2,134 12	33,783	27,161 4			
Increase.	9157	3,636 12	...	.....	575	594 12	7	.....	...	.....	26	6 8	5	50 8	301	985 0	9,980	5,031 8	178 14	9,980	5,210 6							178 14	9,980	5,210 6
Decrease.	...	.....	8	29 0	...	.....	...	18 0	133	145 0	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....							.....	.....	.....

NARENDRA NATH SEN,
Devan of the State
in charge Registration Dept., Cooch Behar

IIA.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different classes presented for registration in 1915-16 and 1916-17.*

YEARS.			Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1915-1916	...	...	12,392	254	5,763	176	3,278	622	14	1,354	23,853
1916-1917	...	...	21,549	246	6,338	183	3,145	648	19	1,655	33,783
Increase...	...	...	9,157	...	575	7	...	26	5	301	9,930
Decrease	...	...	...	8	...	...	133	...	...	...	...

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*

OFFICES.			Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	...	...	5,139	36	1,493	57	826	89	6	517	8,163
Dinhata office	...	...	8,404	11	1,934	33	903	270	4	373	11,982
Mathablanga do	...	...	2,875	26	1,293	43	540	175	...	369	5,321
Mekligunj do	...	...	554	155	839	24	472	55	2	140	2,241
Toofangunj do	4,577	18	779	26	404	59	7	256	6,126
TOTAL	21,549	246	6,338	183	3,145	648	19	1,655	33,783

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IV.—Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1916-1917.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.							Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns
	Registration, Copying and Searching fees &c.	Fines &c.	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Commission to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registration.	Total.					
Registrar's and Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	Rs. A. P. 6,510 2 0 . .	Rs. A. P. 95 12 0	Rs. A. P. 6,605 14 0	Rs. A. P. 2,505 7 1	Rs. A. P. 1 326 1 10	Rs. A. P. 1,660 8 9	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 5,492 1 8	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 1,113 12 4	Rs. A. P. 1,113 12 4	Rs. A. P. 1,113 12 4	
Dinhata ...	Rs. A. P. 8,075 4 0	Rs. A. P. 369 12 0	Rs. A. P. 8,445 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,675 8 5	Rs. A. P. 74 4 9	Rs. A. P. 2,128 4 6	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 3,878 1 8	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 4,566 14 4	Rs. A. P. 4,566 14 4	Rs. A. P. 4,566 14 4	
Mathabhanga ...	Rs. A. P. 4,559 0 0	Rs. A. P. 148 12 0	Rs. A. P. 4,707 12 0	Rs. A. P. 922 8 7	Rs. A. P. 39 1 0	Rs. A. P. 1,190 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 2,151 9 7	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 2,566 2 5	Rs. A. P. 2,566 2 5	Rs. A. P. 2,566 2 5	
Mekligunj ...	Rs. A. P. 3,104 11 0	Rs. A. P. 96 8 0	Rs. A. P. 3,201 3 0	Rs. A. P. 728 2 1	Rs. A. P. 48 14 6	Rs. A. P. 771 3 3	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 1,548 3 10	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 1,652 15 2	Rs. A. P. 1,652 15 2	Rs. A. P. 1,652 15 2	
Tufangunj ...	Rs. A. P. 4,027 7 0	Rs. A. P. 174 0 0	Rs. A. P. 4,201 7 0	Rs. A. P. 859 15 9	Rs. A. P. 278 13 11	Rs. A. P. 1,036 11 9	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 2,175 9 5	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 2,025 13 7	Rs. A. P. 2,025 13 7	Rs. A. P. 2,025 13 7	
Total ...	Rs. A. P. 26,276 8 0	Rs. A. P. 884 12 0	Rs. A. P. 27,161 4 0	Rs. A. P. 6,691 9 11	Rs. A. P. 1,767 4 0	Rs. A. P. 6,786 12 3	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 15,245 10 2	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 11,915 9 10	Rs. A. P. 11,915 9 10	Rs. A. P. 11,915 9 10	

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V.—Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.

Leases.		Mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.
Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.
10	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	3.	40	8	...	...	...	3	39	8	16
																84	4

VI.—Table shewing progress in the work of copying.

OFFICES.	Deeds copied.	Deeds remained to be copied.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices...	8,149	.....	8 deeds remained pending and 6 were refused registration.
Dinhata	11,883	.....	23 deeds remained pending, 26 were refused registration.
Mathabhanga	5,300	.....	9 deeds remained pending and 12 were refused registration.
Mekligunj	2,234	.....	3 deeds remained pending and 4 were refused registration.
Toofangunj	6,086	.....	19 deeds remained pending and 28 were refused registration.

VII.—Abstract statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1916-1917.

OFFICES.	NUMBER OF DEEDS PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	6,029	2,134	9,56,216	6,605 14 0	2,505 7 1	1,660 8 9	.....	1,326 1 10
Dinhata	9,722	2,210	6,58,398	8,445 0 0	1,675 8 5	2,128 4 6	.....	74 4 9
Mathabhanga	3,567	1,754	6,21,064	4,707 12 0	922 8 7	1,190 0 0	.....	39 1 0
Mekligunj	1,667	574	4,33,309	3,201 3 0	723 2 1	771 3 3	.....	48 14 6
Toofangunj	5,295	831	6,63,479	4,201 7 0	859 15 9	1,086 11 9	278 13 11
TOTAL	26,280	7,503	30,32,466	27,161 4 0	6,691 9 11	6,786 12 3	1,767 4 0

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VIII.—Comparative statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipt and disbursements for the years 1915-16 and 1916-17.

Years.	Number of deeds presented for registration.		Amount of fees and fines realized.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Total Expenditure.	Balance received by the State.
	Compulsory.	Optional.							
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1915-16 ...	16,880	6,973	21,950 14 0	6,042 2 3	5,893 7 9	1,199 9 11	.....	12,635 3 11	9,315 10 1
1916-17 ...	26,280	7,503	27,161 4 0	6,691 9 11	6,786 12 3	1,767 4 0	.....	15,245 10 2	11,915 9 10
Increase ...	9,400	530	5,210 6 0	649 7 8	1,393 4 6	567 10 1	.....	2,610 6 3	2,599 15 9
Decrease ...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

IX.—Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the decisions of the Sub-Registrars.

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder ...	3	...	2	5	1	2	3	2
Dinhata ...	4	...	3	7	3	3	6	1
Mathabharga ...	1	...	1	2	1	1	2	...
Mekligunj ...	3	...	2	5	2	2	4	1
Toofangunj ...	2	...	...	2	1	1	2	...
Total ...	13	...	8	21	8	9	17	4

X.—Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.

Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·638	·007	·187	·0054	·091	·019	·0005	·05

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B. GHOSE, Esq.,

*Secretary to His Highness,**In charge Accountant-General of the Cooch Behar State.*

To

THE VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 29th August 1917.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Financial Report of the State for the year 1916-17. The Accountant-General, Mr. S. Ghosh, was placed on deputation from 1st December 1916 and since that date I have been in-charge of the Audit Office.

2. The Report, as in previous years, is divided into the following parts :—
A (1) and (2), details of the Revenue and the Expenditure with figures for the Budget major Heads and Heads; B, Funds; C, Deposits; D, Loan and Advances; E, Miscellaneous; F, Cash Balances.

3. The following Statements are annexed hereto as appendices :—

I.—Comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the State for the years 1915-16 and 1916-17.

II.—Comparative Receipts and Disbursements of the State for the year 1915-16 and 1916-17.

III.—Revenue and Expenditure of the State as compared with the Revised Estimates for the year 1916-17.

IV.—Ledger Balances of the accounts as on 31st March 1917.

A.—Details of Revenue and Expenditure.

REVENUE.

4.	1915-16. Rs.	1916-17. Rs.	VARIATION.	
			Amount. Rs.	Percentage.
I.—General Revenue ...	18,74,129	20,97,560	2,23,431	11·92
II.—Law and Justice ...	22,590	28,900	6,310	27·92
III.—Miscellaneous ...	75,878	65,702	-10,176	-13·41
IV.—Debttar ...	1,08,703	1,15,466	6,763	6·22
V.—H. H.'s Estates ...	5,50,621	5,60,543	9,992	1·80
VI.—Railway ...	2,63,494	2,86,152	22,658	8·59
Resettlement Fund ...	23,000	.....	-23,000	...
Fund for Repayment of Debts.	1,50,000	.....	-1,50,000	...
Grand Total ...	30,68,415	31,54,323	85,908	2·79

EXPENDITURE.

	1915-16. Rs.	1916-17. Rs.	VARIATION.	
			Amount. Rs.	Percentage.
I—Privy Purse ...	3,00,000	3,45,500	45,500	15·16
II—Allowance to His Highness' Relations.	2,75,963	2,42,397	-33,566	-12·16
III—Administration ...	9,53,207	10,31,221	78,014	8·18
IV—Debttar ...	59,333	59,234	-99	·-16
V—His Highness' Estates ...	3,67,177	4,02,170	34,993	9·53
VI—State Ceremonial Dept....	2,27,465	2,93,102	65,637	28·85
VII—Railway ...	1,22,709	1,30,895	8,186	6·67
VIII—Reserve Fund ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
IX—Miscellaneous ...	51,053	44,357	-6,696	-13·11
Railway Capital Expenditure.	11,956	.....	-11,956	.....
Repayment of debts ...	5,11,927	5,29,618	17,691	3·45
Total ...	28,80,790	30,78,494	1,97,704	6·86
Surplus or Deficit ...	1,87,625	75,829	-1,11,796	.....
Grand total ...	30,68,415	31,54,323	85,908	.....

There was an increase in the Revenue of 1916-17 over that of 1915-16 by Rs. 85,908; but if the regular heads of Revenue only are taken (excluding receipts under Resettlement and Repayment of Debts funds) the increase is found to be Rs. 2,58,908 only; such regular Revenue was Rs. 31,54,323 in the year under review against Rs. 27,72,702 the average of the immediately previous three years.

The expenditure of Rs. 30,78,494 against Rs. 28,80,790 of 1915-16 has increased by Rs. 1,97,704, mainly due to increases under Privy Purse (Rs. 45,500) Administration (Rs. 78,014), His Highness' Estates (Rs. 34,993), State Ceremonial Department (Rs. 65,637), Railway (Rs. 8,186), Repayment of Debts (Rs. 17,691) and decreases under Allowance to His Highness' relations (- Rs. 33,566), Miscellaneous (- Rs. 6,696), Railway Capital Expenditure (- Rs. 11,956) and Debutter (- Rs. 99).

There was a surplus of Rs. 75,829 against Rs. 1,87,625 of 1915-16.

I.—REVENUE.

5. I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—

(a) *Land Revenue*.—The total receipts are Rs. 13,60,179 against Rs. 13,41,960 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 18,219 is principally due to increases under Syrat (Rs. 23,101), Cess (Rs. 148), Miscellaneous (Rs. 3,751) and Tolls on Bridges (Rs. 1,186) less decreases under Ordinary Revenue (- Rs. 9,825), Copying fees (- Rs. 142).

(b) *Stamps*.—The total receipts are Rs. 5,44,834 against Rs. 3,42,453 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 2,02,381 which is abnormal owing to Resettlement operations is principally due to increases under sale of Judicial and Documentary stamps (Rs. 1,90,828), Sale of Court fee and Copying fee stamps (Rs. 10,866) sale of Adhesive stamps (Rs. 612) and Miscellaneous (Rs. 168) less decrease under Sale of Cartridge paper (- Rs. 6) and duty on unstamped paper (- Rs. 87).

(c) *Excise*.—The total receipts are Rs. 1,78,694 against Rs. 1,76,899 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 1,795 is principally due to increases under License fee on Liquors and Drugs (Rs. 5,515) and sale of Opium (Rs. 2,864) less decrease under Miscellaneous (- Rs. 6,584).

(d) *Interest on Loans and Investments*.—The total receipts are Rs. 89 against Rs. 1,612 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 719 is due to decrease under Interest on Loans (- Rs. 709) and His Highness' Children's Fund (- Rs. 10).

(e) *Sundries*.—The total receipts are Rs. 12,960 against Rs. 11,205 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 1,755 is due to increases under Lapsed Deposits (Rs. 1,665) and Miscellaneous (Rs. 94) less decrease under sale of Bullion (- Rs. 4).

6. II.—LAW AND JUSTICE.—

(a) *Civil and Sessions Court*.—The receipt is Rs. 952 against Rs. 924 of 1915-16.

(b) *Registration*.—The receipt is Rs. 27,948 against Rs. 21,666 of 1915-16, the whole of the increase amounting to Rs. 6,282 is under "Fees to Registrars".

7. III.—MISCELLANEOUS.—

(a) *Criminal Justice*.—The total receipts are Rs. 6,954 against Rs. 7,222 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 268 is made up of decreases under Magisterial Fines (- Rs. 1,110) and (- Rs. 45) under Miscellaneous and an increase of (Rs. 887) under Sale of unclaimed and escheated property.

(b) *Jail*.—The total receipts are Rs. 21,335 against Rs. 23,449 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 2,114 is made up of decreases under Sale of Jail manufacture (- Rs. 1,948), Convict Labour (- Rs. 176) and increase under Miscellaneous (Rs. 10).

(c) *Education, Science and Arts*.—The total receipts are Rs. 23,080 against Rs. 22,903 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 177 is due to increases under Victoria College (Rs. 250), Model Schools Rs. 152) and Miscellaneous (Rs. 13) less decrease under Jenkins School (- Rs. 238).

(d) *Public Works*.—The receipt is Rs. 7,525 against Rs. 8,172 of 1915-16. There was thus a decrease of Rs. 647 which is made up of decreases under Miscellaneous (—Rs. 123) and State carts (—Rs. 747) and increase under Forest (Rs. 223).

(e) *Sundries*.—The total receipts are Rs. 6,808 against Rs. 14,132 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 7,324 is made up of decrease under Copying fees—Council office (—Rs. 186), Miscellaneous (—Rs. 2,124) and Sale of Keda elephants (—Rs. 5,400) and increase under Medical Department receipts (Rs. 348) and Printing Office receipts (Rs. 38).

8. IV.—DEBUTTER.—

The receipt is Rs. 1,15,466 against Rs. 1,08,703 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 6,763 is due to increase under Collection of Revenue (Rs. 6,966) less decrease under Miscellaneous (—Rs. 203).

9. V.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—

(a) *Darjeeling Estates*.—The total receipts are Rs. 80,741 against Rs. 57,705. The increase of Rs. 23,036 is due to inclusion of 15 months' receipts in 1916-17 against 12 months' receipts in 1915-16, the accounts having been ordered to be maintained according to the Financial year.

(b) *Chaklojat Estates*.—The total receipts are Rs. 4,79,802 against Rs. 4,92,916 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 13,114 is due to decreases under Rents (—Rs. 14,356), Cesses (—Rs. 1,113) and increases under Miscellaneous (Rs. 1,251) and Debutter (Rs. 1,104).

10. VI.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY.—

Total receipts are Rs. 2,86,152 against Rs. 2,63,494 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 22,658 is due to development of Traffic.

11. RESETTLEMENT FUND.—

No money was paid during the year under report.

12. REPAYMENT OF DEBTS FUND —

As no money was receivable from any source nothing was credited during the year under report.

2.—EXPENDITURE

13. I.—HIS HIGHNESS' PRIVY PURSE.—

The expenditure is Rs. 3,45,500 against Rs. 3,00,000 of 1915-16, showing an excess expenditure of Rs. 45,500 under this head.

14. II.—ALLOWANCE TO HIS HIGHNESS' RELATIONS.—

The total expenditure is Rs. 2,42,397 against Rs. 2,75,963 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 33,566 is due to decreases under Children's Fund (—Rs. 60,000), Allowance to Ayes (—Rs. 40) and Allowance to Rajgons (—Rs. 26). On the other hand there were increases under Allowance to Maharajkumars (Rs. 3,000), Allowance to others (Rs. 5,500) and allowance to her Highness (Rs. 18,000).

15. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

I.—Control.—The expenditure is Rs. 39,347 against Rs. 40,716 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 1,369 is explained below :—

(a) *His Highness the Maharaja's Office*.—The expenditure is Rs. 18,378 against Rs. 18,378 of 1915-16. There was no variation under this head.

(b) *Audit Office*.—The expenditure is Rs. 12,871 against Rs. 12,961 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 90 is made up of decrease under Establishment (—Rs. 149), decrease under Contingencies (—Rs. 116) and increase under Travelling Allowance (Rs. 175.)

(c) *His Highness' Council Office*.—The expenditure is Rs. 8,098 against Rs. 9,377 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 1,279 is due to decreases under all the sub-heads of this Budget.

16. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

2.—*General*.—Total expenditure is Rs. 4,80,397 against Rs. 4,48,029 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 32,368 is explained below :—

(a.) *Office of the Vice-President, State Council, General Department*.—Total charges are Rs. 38,532 against Rs. 31,861 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 6,671 is mainly accounted for by two increases (a) Rs. 2,557 under Vice-President, State Council and (b) Rs. 3,228 under Travelling Allowance.

(b.) *Criminal Justice*.—Total charges are Rs. 32,446 against Rs. 31,868 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 578 is principally due to increases under Fouzdari Ahilkar and Assistants (Rs. 637) Establishment (Rs. 94), Contingencies (Rs. 575), Travelling Allowance (Rs. 191), Refund of Criminal fines (Rs. 121) less decreases under Nezarat Department (—Rs. 41) and Pleaders' fees (—Rs. 999.)

(c.) *Education &c.*—Total expenditure is Rs. 1,09,174 against Rs. 1,07,528 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 1,646 is explained below :—

(1.) *Higher Education*.—The total charges are Rs. 61,082 against Rs. 61,063 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 19 is due to increases under Boarding Institution and Miscellaneous less decrease under all other sub-heads.

(2.) *Primary Education*.—The total charge is Rs. 48,092 against Rs. 46,465 of 1915-16. The increase is Rs. 1,627. The noticeable increases are under Grant-in-aid (Rs. 2,150), Contingencies (Rs. 1,215) and the noticeable decreases are under Direction and Inspection (—Rs. 1,382) and Primary Grant (—Rs. 448.)

(d.) *Jail*.—Total charges are Rs. 34,668 against Rs. 37,235 of 1915-16. The noticeable decreases are under Rations to Prisoners (—Rs. 1,321), Raw materials for Jail manufacture (—Rs. 1,236) and Repairs to Jail (—Rs. 1,517). On the other hand the noticeable increase is under Establishment (Rs. 1,134) which is principally due to reorganization of the Jail Guards.

(e.) *Police*.—The total charges are Rs. 63,220 against Rs. 62,348 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 872 is principally due to increases under Contingencies (Rs. 420), Travelling Allowance (Rs. 952) and Repairs to and construction of Police buildings (Rs. 2,566.) On the other hand there have been noticeable decreases under Superintendent of Police and Establishment (—Rs. 1,033) and Executive Police Force (—Rs. 1,781). The decrease under Superintendent of Police and Establishment is principally due to retirement of Kumar Gojendra Narayan (Jr.) from the service.

(f.) *Medical*.—The total charges are Rs. 46,903 against Rs. 51,290 of 1915-16. The decrease is Rs. 4,387. The principal decrease is under Civil Surgeon &c., (—Rs. 5,416), owing to appointment of a Civil Surgeon on reduced pay and the principal increases are under Travelling Allowance (Rs. 377), Vaccination (Rs. 327) and Veterinary Department (Rs. 449).

(g.) *State Press*.—The charges are Rs. 14,471 against Rs. 12,980 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 1,491 is due to increase under all the sub-heads. The noticeable increase is under Establishment (Rs. 345) which is due to biennial increments of pay and that under Printing materials (Rs. 784) is due to purchases of materials for the *Paricharika*.

(h.) *Public Works*.—Total charges are Rs. 1,06,676 against Rs. 72,144 of 1915-16. The charges for 1916-17 include the charges for Electrical Department which amounts to Rs. 20,052. The details of expenditure are given below in paragraph 30.

- (2) *Communication Improvement Fund*.—Total State grant to this fund is Rs. 34,307 against Rs. 40,775 of 1915-16. (Please see paragraph 27). The details of expenditure are given in paragraph 30.

III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

17. *Revenue*.—Total expenditure is Rs. 3,30,486 against Rs. 2,93,270 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 37,216 is explained below :—

- (a) *Land Revenue*.—The charges are Rs. 3,00,209 against Rs. 2,66,806 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 33,403 is principally due to increases under Re-settlement (Rs. 46,282), Dewan and Assistants (Rs. 332), Travelling Allowance (Rs. 711) and State Pleader (Rs. 488). This heavy increase of Rs. 47,763 has however been reduced to Rs. 33,403 as above by decreases under all other heads, the principal decrease being under Unforeseen (— Rs. 13,028) which was due to compensation paid for Babu Jay Gopal Banerjee and Babu Kedar Nath Majumdar's houses as reported last year.

Collection charges (committing the heads "Cattle Breeding", "Government Tribute", "Re-settlement" and "Unforeseen") amount to Rs. 81,737 against Rs. 81,564 of 1915-16. The gross collections under I.—General Revenue (a) Land Revenue and IV.—Debutter are Rs. 14,75,645 against Rs. 14,50,663 of 1915-16, and net collections are Rs. 13,93,908 against Rs. 13,69,099. The collection charges are, therefore, 5.53 per cent. of the gross collections against 5.62 per cent. of 1915-16.

- (b) *Excise*.—Total charges are Rs. 9,016 against Rs. 7,127 of 1915-16. The noticeable increase is under Purchase of opium (Rs. 1,714). Net collections under this head are Rs. 1,69,678 against Rs. 1,69,772 of 1915-16. The charges are 5.04 per cent of the gross collections against 4.03 per cent of 1915-16.

- (c) *Stamps*.—Total charges are Rs. 12,346 against Rs. 10,732 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 1,614 is mainly due to increase under Contingencies (Rs. 3,338) necessitated by excess sale of stamps in connection with Resettlement. On the other hand there was a heavy decrease under Printing Papers (— Rs. 1,760).

Net collections under stamps are Rs. 5,32,488 against Rs. 3,31,731 of 1915-16. The charges are 2.26 per cent of the gross collections against 3.13 per cent of 1915-16.

- (d) *Treasury*.—Total charges are Rs. 8,915 against Rs. 8,605 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 310 is due to increase under transit charges for cash remittance (Rs. 564) less decreases under Establishment (— Rs. 29) and Contingencies (— Rs. 225).

8. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

(4) *Law and Justice*.—Total expenditure is Rs. 68,053 against Rs. 66,419 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 1,634 is explained below :—

- (a) *Civil and Sessions Court*.—The charges are Rs. 52,937 against Rs. 53,808 of 1915-16. The decrease of Rs. 871 is mainly due to decrease under Civil and Sessions Judge and Assistants (— Rs. 642) and Establishment (— Rs. 245).

- (b) *Registration*.—The charges are Rs. 15,116 against Rs. 12,611 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 2,505 is principally due to increase under Fees to Registrars (Rs. 1,394), Establishment (Rs. 17) and Contingencies (Rs. 1,124). On the other hand there has been a slight decrease of Rs. 30 under Travelling allowance.

9. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

(5) *Miscellaneous*.—Total expenditure is Rs. 1,12,338 against Rs. 1,04,773 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 7,565 is explained below :—

- (a) *Pensions and Allowances*.—The charges are Rs. 67,899 against Rs. 66,493 of 1915-16. The increase of Rs. 1,406 is due to

